

Howard is reading a news article about landfill problems.

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## Tackling the landfill problems of HK

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Every year, around 6 million tones of domestic waste are dumped in the three landfills of Hong Kong. Hong Kong is now facing the problem that the landfills are almost full. Some suggested to allocate more land for the landfills. However, this is not a root solution and faces strong opposition from different groups of residents and environmentalists.

The effective solution to the problem is to reduce waste. Charging scheme is one of the methods to achieve this. It states that household garbage should be put into pre-paid bags based on volume so that residents have to pay a fee for the amount of rubbish they dump. Hopefully, people would dump less rubbish in order to pay less, which is good for their pockets and the environment. However, how to carry out the actual plan and how to avoid people breaking the rules are the concerns.



The director of *Dine Smart*, Mr Jimmy Kwan claimed that most of the food waste goes straight to the landfills. He suggested the following ways to reduce food waste:

- ◆ Finish all the food you have in your fridge before going food shopping.
- ◆ Use edible parts of food you normally throw away. For example, make croutons out of bread crusts, or use vegetable scraps to make a dish.
- ◆ Plan your menu before going shopping.

Read!



1. Circle the newspaper section of the news article.
2. Underline the name of the reporter.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.**



What the director of *Dine Smart* suggested shows its role in the society.

- Dine Smart* is likely to be a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. food critic  B. green charity  
 C. government department  D. high-class restaurant
- Which of the following about the landfill situation in Hong Kong is **NOT** true?  
 A. A large amount of food waste is produced every day.  
 B. A fourth landfill is building at the moment.  
 C. The landfills in Hong Kong almost reach their full capacity.  
 D. Some environmental organisations do not agree to expand the landfills.

- This news article is most likely to be found in the \_\_\_\_\_ section of the newspaper.  
 A. Business  B. Entertainment  
 C. Environment  D. Fashion

**B Answer the questions in complete sentences.**

- Who does the pronoun 'they' in line 18 refer to?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- According to the charging scheme, how can the residents be benefited if they dump less?  
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**C Complete Howard's newspaper cutting homework with the words from the text. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.**

This news is about the landfill problem in Hong Kong. I am very surprised to know that there is such a large amount of ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (adj.) waste produced by the household every year. I think we should really start to ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ (v.) the rubbish. Starting from today, I will follow the ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (n.) suggested in the news and make Hong Kong cleaner!

