G future perfect and future continuous
V the environment, the weather
P vowel sounds

4A Eco-guilt

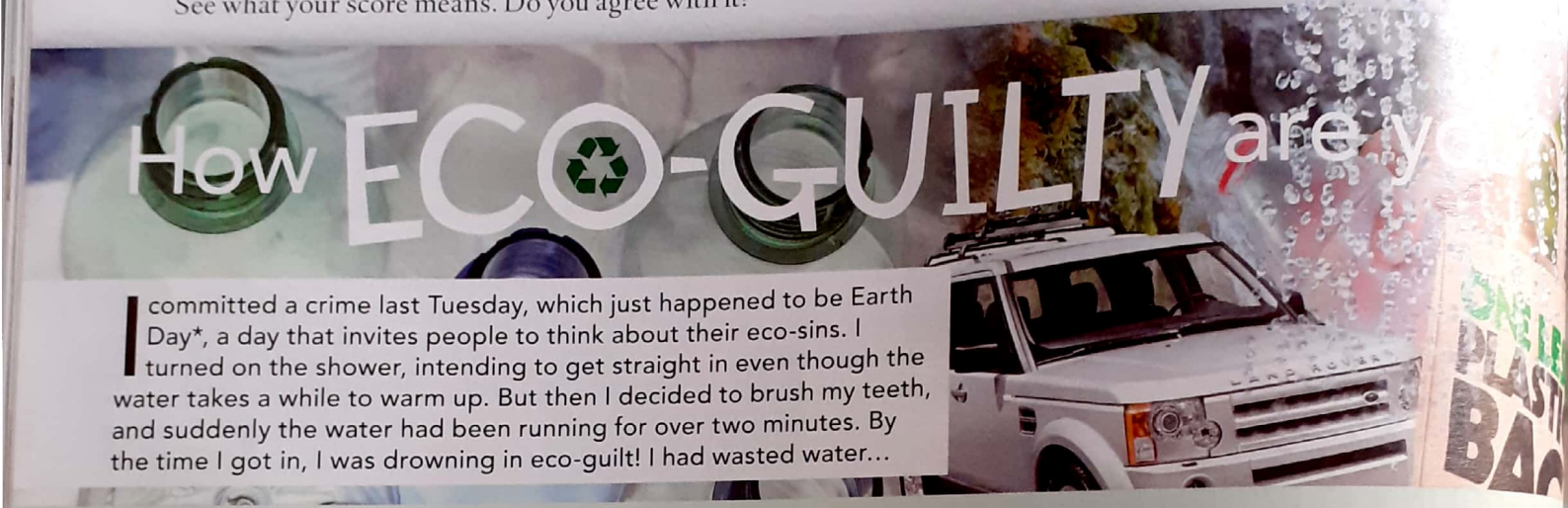
Modern techno... Owes e... An ar...
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1 READING & SPEAKING

a Look at the title of the lesson. What do you think it means?

b Read the introduction to the article and check. Then do the questionnaire and add up your score.

c Now compare your answers with a partner. Explain why you do or don't do these things. See what your score means. Do you agree with it?



I committed a crime last Tuesday, which just happened to be Earth Day*, a day that invites people to think about their eco-sins. I turned on the shower, intending to get straight in even though the water takes a while to warm up. But then I decided to brush my teeth, and suddenly the water had been running for over two minutes. By the time I got in, I was drowning in eco-guilt! I had wasted water...

Should you feel eco-guilty, too? Take the test.

SHOPPING BAGS

- ☐ I have a reusable shopping bag made of recyclable materials, which I always use when I'm shopping. ♻♻♻♻ (+4 eco-points)
- ☐ I own several reusable shopping bags, but I often forget to bring them with me. ♻♻♻ (-3 eco-points)
- ☐ I always ask for plastic bags because they're convenient. They can be recycled, can't they? ♻♻♻♻ (-4)

WASHING TOWELS

- ☐ I wash my towels immediately after I use them. ♻♻♻♻♻ (-5)
- ☐ I use a towel for several days before I put it in the washing machine. ♻ (+1)
- ☐ That reminds me, I must wash my towels! ♻♻♻ (+3)

RUNNING WATER

- ☐ I never leave the water running when I brush my teeth, nor before getting into the shower. ♻♻ (+2)
- ☐ I'm allergic to cold water, so I have to leave the shower to run for a while before I get in. ♻♻ (-2)
- ☐ I hate showers. I need a hot bath every day to relax. ♻♻♻ (-3)

BUYING FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

- ☐ I never buy fruit and vegetables at supermarkets. I buy organic fruit and vegetables in markets or small shops. ♻♻♻ (+3)
- ☐ I buy some fruit and vegetables in a market, but the supermarket is more convenient. ♻♻ (-2)
- ☐ I shop at the cheapest places – who cares about eco-guilt, I feel guiltier if I spend too much money on food!. ♻♻♻♻♻ (-5)

RECYCLING

- ☐ I throw everything in the same bin. ♻♻♻♻♻♻ (-6)
- ☐ I sometimes recycle glass bottles, especially after a party! But that's probably all. ♻♻♻♻ (-4)
- ☐ I recycle all my newspapers, bottles, and plastic containers. ♻♻♻♻♻ (+5)

GETTING AROUND

- ☐ I walk, use public transport or cycle because cars pollute the planet. ♻♻♻♻♻ (+5)
- ☐ I walk, use public transport or cycle because I can't afford to buy a car. ♻ (-1)
- ☐ Vroom vroom here I come! ♻♻♻♻♻ (-5)

So how guilty should you feel?

Below 0: You should feel very guilty.

0–12 points: You should feel quite guilty.

Above 10: You are too good to be true!

Adapted from the Chicago Tribune

***Earth Day** an annual day (22nd April) on which events are held worldwide to increase awareness and appreciation of the environment

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2 GRAMMAR future perfect and future continuous

a Read some predictions that have been made about the next 20 years. Which ones do you think...?

1 are already happening
2 are likely to happen
3 probably won't happen

How we will be living in 20 years' time... (or will we?)

At home

Most people will have installed solar panels or wind turbines on their houses or blocks of flats to generate their electricity.

People will be recycling nearly 100% of their waste (and those who don't will have to pay a fine).

Transport

Cars that use a lot of petrol (e.g. four-by-four cars) will have been banned and many people will be driving electric cars.

Low-cost airlines will have disappeared and flights will be much more expensive.

The environment

Paper books will no longer be produced to save trees from being cut down, and all books will be electronic.

Fresh water will be running out in many parts of the world and we will be getting much of our water from the sea (through desalination plants).

The weather

Temperatures worldwide will have risen even further. Many ski resorts will have closed because of a lack of winter snow and some beaches and holiday resorts will have disappeared completely.

We will be having even more extreme weather, and heatwaves, hurricanes, floods, etc. will be frequent occurrences.

b Read the predictions again. Which two would you most and least like to come true?

c Look at the highlighted verbs in the predictions. Which ones refer to...?

a an action or situation that will be finished in the future
b an action or situation which will be in progress in the future

d ➤ p.138 Grammar Bank 4A. Learn more about the future perfect and the continuous, and practise them.

e Talk to a partner and say if you think the following predictions will happen. Explain why (not).

IN TWENTY YEARS' TIME...

- Most people in office jobs will be working from home.
- All private swimming pools and golf courses will have been banned.
- Most people will be using public transport or bikes to get to work.
- People will be having more holidays in their own country and fewer abroad.
- People will be retiring at 70 or even later.
- The teaching of handwriting will have disappeared from the school curriculum because students will only be writing on tablets or laptops.

definitely, probably, and likely / unlikely

We often use *definitely*, *probably*, and *likely / unlikely* when talking about the future, especially when we are making predictions.

I think *it'll definitely happen / it definitely won't happen.*
it'll probably happen / it probably won't happen.
it's (very) likely (to happen) / it's (very) unlikely (to happen).



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