

## **Pack it in!**

### **Activity 1**

*Discuss the following questions with your partner.*

1. How much packaging (paper and cellophane containers, polystyrene and cardboard boxes, paper and plastic bags) do you throw out every week?
2. How much packaging do you recycle?
3. How could people be encouraged to recycle more packaging?
4. Which type of packaging annoys you most, and why?
5. Which products do you find difficult to open because of their packaging?
6. Give examples of packaging of everyday products which you think is unnecessary.

### **Activity 2**

*Complete the sentences with the words and phrases below in the correct form.*

*to wrap to pack parcel/package to cost a packet packet/pack package holiday pack packed lunch*

1. It was a very expensive gift. It must have .....
2. We are going on a ..... this year because it's easy to organize.  
In fact we don't have to do anything ourselves – the travel agent will arrange everything, including the flight and the hotel.
3. Customs officer: 'Did you ..... this bag yourself?'  
Traveller: 'Yes, I put everything into the bag myself.'
4. He never eats in the canteen at work. He brings a ..... from home every day.
5. A ..... arrived for me in the post today. I wonder what is in it.
6. The deer was attacked and killed by a ..... of wolves.
7. She ..... the children's birthday presents carefully in brightly coloured paper.
8. He smokes two ..... of cigarettes a day.

### **Activity 3**

*Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.*

1. What do you think is the main purpose of packaging? (e.g. hygiene, advertising)
2. How much does the packaging of a product influence you when you are shopping?
3. How would life be different if packaging was banned?
4. How differently were products packaged in the past?
5. How important is it for people to use fewer plastic bags in the future?
6. Do you think there will be more or less packaging in the future? Why?
7. What alternatives are available to the packaging industry?
8. Do you prefer wrapping presents or opening them? Why?
9. How important is it in your country to wrap presents beautifully?
10. Have you ever given or received a gift which wasn't wrapped? Why?

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### **Activity 4**

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Who invented wooden barrels, according to the TP Homework?  
a) the Egyptians b) the Greeks c) the Romans
2. Which revolution is mentioned in the TP Homework?  
a) The Agricultural Revolution b) the Industrial Revolution c) the French Revolution
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

### **Activity 5**

**Most forms of packaging are unnecessary. Discuss.**

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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