

1 The *Plastiki* looks similar to many other boats or yachts in Sydney harbour. It's eighteen metres long, six metres wide and it weighs about twelve thousand kilogrammes. It carries a crew of six people and has an average speed of five knots. However, once you get near to the *Plastiki* you realise there's a big difference. It's made of twelve thousand five hundred reclaimed plastic bottles.

2 One day, the environmentalist David De Rothschild was reading some information about all the plastic in the seas and oceans. He couldn't believe what he was reading. For example, humans throw away four out of every five plastic bottles they use and plastic rubbish causes about eighty per cent of the pollution in the sea. Soon afterwards, Rothschild decided he wanted to help the fight against pollution in the sea. To create publicity for the problem, he started building a boat made of plastic bottles.

3 As well as building the boat with recycled plastic, it was important for him to make the boat environmentally-friendly and user-friendly. The boat uses renewable energy sources including wind power and solar energy. The crew can make meals with vegetables from the small garden at the back of the boat. They can take a break from work and get some exercise by using the special exercise bicycle. The energy from the bike provides power for the boat's computers. And if anyone needs to take a shower, the boat's shower uses saltwater from the sea.

I. Comprehension (9pts)

A. Choose the best title for the text. (1pt)

- A boat made of bottles.
- History of boats.
- Boats in Australia.

B. Are these statement True or False? Correct the false ones. (4pts)

1. The *Plasitiki* is twenty metres long and five meters wide.

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2. Humans throw away three out of five plastic bottles they use.

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3. The *plastiki* nothing more than twelve thousands kilogrammes.

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4. David De Rothschild knew about the plastic in the seas from some friends.

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C. Answer the following questions. (3pts)

1. How many people can the *plastiki* carry?

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2. Why did David De Rothschild start building the boat made of bottles?

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3. What kind of energy does the boat use?

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D. What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (1 pt)

1. It (paragraph 1): _____

2. He (paragraph 2): _____

II. Language. **(7pts)**

A. Put the adjectives in brackets in the correct form. **(2pts)**

1. My brother has a (tidy) _____ room than me.
2. She's got (little) _____ money than you but she doesn't care.
3. He thinks Chinese is (difficult) _____ language in the world.
4. Show me (good) _____ restaurant downtown.

B. Complete the following sentences with words from the list given. **(2pts)**

multicultural – hectic – democratic – enormous – herbal – hard .

1. Some countries are _____. Everyone has the right to say whatever they think.
2. My day was _____. I feel extremely exhausted.
3. The white house is _____. There are loads of rooms and offices.
4. These days people are interested in _____ medicine.

C. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. **(2pts)**

1. My ski instructor believes it _____ (snow) in the mountains tomorrow evening.
2. On Sunday at 8 o'clock I _____ (meet) my friend.
3. They _____ (fly) to London on Friday evening at 8h:15.
4. Listen! Someone is at the door. I _____ (open) the door for you.

D. Match the words with their antonyms. **(1pt)**

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| 1. Trust | Fairless |
| 2. Agree | dislike |
| 3. Afraid | doubt |
| 4. Enjoy | differ |

III. Writing **(4pts)**

Describe one of your family member and compare him/her to yourself. In what way you are different/similar?

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