

Chapter 1

How Can You Reuse Household Goods, Clothes and Toys?



Discussion Questions

Answer these questions with your partner.

1. Do you go to garage sales? What do you buy?
2. What do you do with clothes that are too small?
3. Have you bought anything from a newspaper classified ad?

Vocabulary

1. **charities** (groups that help poor people or people in need)

koom haum pab neeg pluag	자선 기관	hội từ thiện
ອົງການ ບັນຫຼາຫຼຸກ, ຊອຍເຫຼືອ	សັບປຸງຮັສຜົນ	慈 善 機 關

2. **consignment** (to lend something to a store until they sell it for you)

tso kom luag muab muag	우탁판매	gửi hàng để bán
ບ່ອນຝາກ ເຄື່ອງຂາຍ	ຝາກ໌ໄງໝາກຝລ໌ໆໄງໝ	寄賣

3. **donation** (something you give to a charity)

ib qho muab pub	기부물	quyên đồ
ເຄື່ອງຂອງ ບໍລິຈາກ	ໄກາຄຖານ	捐贈物

4. **donate** (to give something to a charity)

muab pub	기부하다	biểu tặng
ການບໍລິຈາກ	ຝາກ໌ໄກ້ໄກາຄຖານ	捐贈

5. **garage sale** (when people sell things they don't need anymore, usually in their garage, yard or driveway)

muag khoom qub	집에서 사용하던 물건 세일	bán đồ cũ
ຂາຍຂອງເກົ່າ ໃຊ້ແລ້ວ ທີ່ການາ	លັກ໌ຮບສ່ຽງຝັ້ງຜູ້:	車 庫 廉 售

6. **household goods** (the things you have in your house)

cuab yeej cuab tam	가정용 물품	vật dụng trong nhà
ເຄື່ອງໃຊ້ໃນເຮືອນ ຂອງຊານ	ຮບສ່ຽງກົງຜູ້:	家用 品

7. **classified ads** (ads in the newspaper listing things people want to sell)

ntawv qhia yuav muag khoom	광고란페이지	muốn quảng cáo
ໃບໂຄສນາ ຂາຍຂອງ	ຜູ້ງາຍລັກ໌ຄາມກາ່ສົດ	售 物 廣 告

Household Goods

1. dishes

cov tais

접시

đĩa, chén

ຖុយជាម, ឆាម

ចោន

碗盤



2. furniture

cov rooj tog

가구

bàn, ghé

ពិចេន ត៉ុង

គ្រឿង

家俱



3. linens

cov pam

수건 및 침대, 베개보등

vải vóc

ធម្មុបុនននន

កំរាបពូក-ក្រសាមខ្លួយ

床單桌巾



4. mattress

lub txaj

매트리스

nệm

ខ្វោននន

ពូក

床垫



Household Goods

5. silverware

cov diav rawg

수저, 포크, 칼종류

vật dụng bằng bạc

ຂວາງសອມ

ចាន-ស្វាប្រា

餐具，刀叉



6. toys

khoom ua si

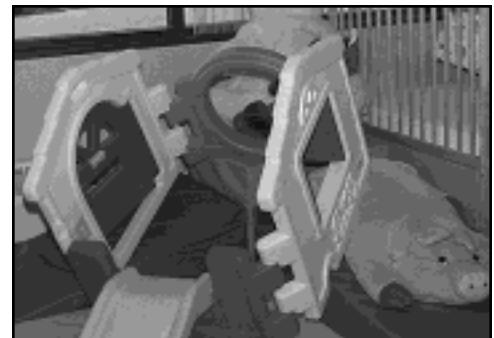
장난감

đồ chơi

ຂອງເດກນອຍ ໜ້າ

ពូកគា

玩具



Used household goods, clothes and toys can be reused and recycled. Household goods are furniture, dishes, silverware, glassware, linens and mattresses.

Clean, usable household goods, clothes and toys can be donated to many organizations. Find out if your county has a Community Action Program that takes donations. Churches often take donations. Depending upon where you live, some organizations, like the Disabled Veterans and the Salvation Army, will come to your home to pick up donations.

Look in the Yellow Pages telephone book under "thrift shops" or "furniture used," to find a place that takes donations. Some places only take furniture, others only clothes, or toys. Call ahead to find out if they will take your items.

You can sell your clothes, and sometimes toys, on consignment. To sell on consignment, you take the things you want to sell to a consignment store. The store does not pay you until after it sells your things. They will keep 20% to 60% of the sale price. To find a store that will sell your things, look in the Yellow Pages telephone book under "clothing consignment for resale." Call them first, to find out if they are able to take your things, before bringing your items in.

You can sell things yourself at a garage sale. It is a good idea to go to a few garage sales first to see how they are handled. A few days before the garage sale, take all of the items you no longer need, and set them up neatly in the garage. Be sure to mark the sale price that you want for each item. It is a good idea to put an ad in the paper that will tell other people the day, date, and time of your sale. You will have to pay for the ad. Put some signs on the streets near your home, so the people who are driving by will know about your sale.

You can also sell used items through the want ads in your local newspaper. You will have to pay for the ad. Call your newspaper, tell them you want to place a classified ad, and what you want the ad to say. Include your phone number.

Exercise 1

Put the letter of the definitions next to the correct word.

1. _____ classified ads
2. _____ household goods
3. _____ garage sale
4. _____ consignment
5. _____ to donate

- A. to lend an item to a store who will sell it for you, then you are paid part of the sale price after the item is sold
- B. newspaper advertisements about things people are selling
- C. to give away
- D. a sale of household goods, toys and clothes at a person's house
- E. furniture, dishes, beds, blankets

Exercise 2

Answer the questions from the reading.

1. What kind of household goods, clothes and toys can be donated? _____

2. What are the three ways you can sell furniture? _____

3. What does a consignment store pay you for your items? _____

4. If I don't want to sell things I no longer want, what can I do with them? _____

5. Where can you find a place that will take donations? _____

Exercise 3

These sentences are false. Cross out the wrong word or words, and change these into true sentences.

1. Dirty, useless household goods can be devoted to many organizations.
2. Some organizations will come to your school to pick up donations.
3. Look in the Yellow Pages, under "Gift Shops" or "Furniture Refinishing," to find a place that will take your donations.
4. Some stores will sell things for you on conversation.
5. The consignment store will pay you before they sell your things.
6. A consignment store will keep 50% to 75% of the sale price.
7. You can also sell things yourself at a basement sale.
8. You could advertise your garage sale on TV.
9. You could also put fences on streets near your house.

Exercise 4

1. You are talking with a friend. Finish the following dialog.

You: I don't know what to do with these clothes. The kids have outgrown them.

Friend: Why don't you

You: How can I do that?

Friend: It's easy. First you
then

You: Thanks for the information.

Friend: You're welcome.

2. Repeat the same dialog starting with:

You: I don't know what to do with this old furniture now that we've bought new stuff.

3. Repeat the same dialog starting with:

You: I don't know what to do with these old toys. The kids don't play with them anymore.