

# 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

자선기관

hội từ thiện

ອົງການ ບັນເທົາທຸກ, ຊ່ອຍເຫຼືອ

សប្បុរសជន

慈善機關

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

tso kom luag muab muag

위탁판매

gửi hàng để bán

ບ່ອນຝາກ ເຄື່ອງຂາຍ

ជាក់ឱ្យហាងលក់ឱ្យ

寄賣

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

ib qho muab pub

기부물

quyên đồ

ເຄື່ອງຂອງ ບໍລິຈາກ

វិភាគទាន

捐贈物

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

muab pub

기부하다

biếu tặng

ການບໍລິຈາກ

ដាក់ជាវិភាគទាន

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 물건세일

bán đồ cũ

ຂາຍຂອງເກົ່າ ໃຊ້ແລ້ວ ທີ່ກາຣາ

លក់របស់ក្នុងផ្ទះ

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 ຂອງຊາມ

របស់របរក្នុងផ្ទះ

家用品

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

ntawv qhia yuav muag khoom

광고란 페이지

muốn quảng cáo

ໄບໂດສນາ ຂາຍຂອງ

ផ្សាយលក់តាមកាសែត

售物廣告

# Household Goods

## 1. dishes

cov tais

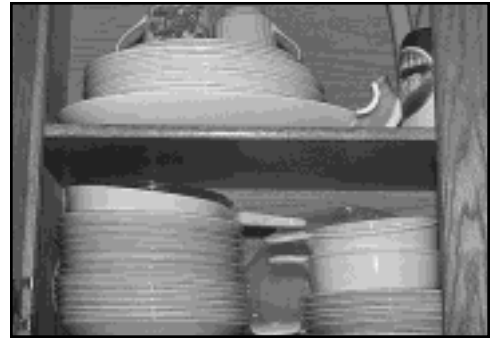
접시

đĩa, chén

ຖວຍຈານ, ຊາມ

ចាន

碗盤



## 2. furniture

cov rooj tog

가구

bàn, ghế

ໂຕະ ຕັງ

ຄູ່

傢俱



## 3. linens

cov pam

수건 및 침대, 베갯보 등

vải vớ

ຜ້າປູບ່ອນນອນ

ຄໍ່າກາລູກ-ເສື້ອນເຊັ່ນ

床單桌巾



## 4. mattress

lub txaj

매트리스

nệm

ເຊື່ອນນອນ

ຕູ້

床墊



# Household Goods

## 5. silverware

cov diav rawg

수저, 포크, 칼 종류

vật dụng bằng bạc

ບວງສິນ

ចាន-ស្លាបព្រា

餐具，刀叉



## 6. toys

khoom ua si

장난감

đồ chơi

ຂອງເດັກນ້ອຍ ຫລື

ຄູ່ຄຳ

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.**

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. _____ classified ads  | 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 |
| 2. _____ household goods | B. newspaper advertisements about things people are selling   |
| 3. _____ garage sale     | C. to give away   |
| 4. _____ consignment     | D. a sale of household goods, toys and clothes at a person's house  |
| 5. _____ to donate       | 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.