

TEST 1, WRITING TASK 2

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 6.0** score.

A big problem of the humanity is the amount of garbage we make everyday. Since the Industrial Revolution we are making more goods but we are making more plastic packaging as well. And this is not good for us and for the environment. Every year thousands and thousands of animals have died in consequence of plastic. It's because they misunderstood plastic with food. Another great problem is the amount of trash floating on the ocean. A research shows there is a big area of floating trash, predominantly plastic, on Pacific. A big problem for ships and sea animals on this area. When you have a lot amount of trash you need a correct space to put it, but some cities are having problem with this.

Maybe a good solution would be recycling, cause you could decrease the area for trash deposits.

To reduce the use of plastic bags and plastic packaging would be needed a change of habits. The people could help recycling the plastic and another materials. Another alte solution would be to use alternative packaging, as paper. It would reduce the impact of plastic garbage in the environment. This is a slow process because is not easy to change the mind of the people, but it's really necessary.

Here is the examiner's comment:

This response gives examples of the damage caused by plastic on land and in the sea: causing the death of land and sea animals and causing problems for ships. It also presents solutions: recycling and a change of habits. It points out what [people] (individuals) can do, but is less clear on what governments can do.

The response is logically organised, but paragraphing is not effectively managed and the second paragraph has only one sentence.

Vocabulary is the strongest feature in this response. There is some flexibility (good use of vocabulary) [*Industrial Revolution* | *floating trash* | *trash deposits* | *change of habits* | *alternative packaging*], but also some errors in word choice [*misunderstood* / mistake | *correct space* / suitable space]. There are some examples of complex grammatical structures [*Since the ...* | *When you have ... you need*]; however, many of these structures are faulty, e.g. in the final paragraph. There are errors with articles [*A research* / Research], quantifiers [*a lot amount of* / a large amount of] and comparative forms [*as paper* / such as paper] which limit the Band Score here.