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Plastic bottle panic!



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ሃይ፣ ስለአንድ ጉዳይ ወደምንወያይበትና ስለጉዳዩ ለማውራት የሚያስፈልገውን ቋንቋ ወደምናቀርብበት የEnglish Together ዝግጅት እንኳን በደህና መጡ። ምህረት እባላለሁ። አብሮኝ/አብራኝ አለ/አለች።

Sam

Hello, I'm Sam.

Phil

Hi, I'm Phil.

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በዛሬው ዝግጅታችን በአሁኑ ጊዜ ከፍተኛ የሆነ አትኩሮት እየተሰጠው ስላለ አንድ ጉዳይ እንነጋገራለን፤ እርሱም የፕላስቲክ ጠርሙሶች ምርት እና አወጋገድ ነው። የዛሬ ጥያቄ ይህ ነው፤ የአሜሪካው መንግስታዊ ያልሆነ ድርጅት ኮንቴነር ሪሳይክሊንግ ኢንዱስትሪዎች እንደሚለው በዩኤስ አሜሪካ ውስጥ በየቀኑ ምን ያህል የውሃ መያዣ የፕላስቲክ ጠርሙሶች የሚወረወር ይመስልዎታል?

- ሀ) 10 ሚሊዮን
- ለ) 20 ሚሊዮን
- ሐ) 60 ሚሊዮን

Sam

Wow, those numbers are huge!

Phil

Well, there are a lot of thirsty people out there! What else are they supposed to drink?

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Yes, here in Ethiopia plastic bottle consumption is very high. What's it like where you are in the U.K.?

Sam

Well, almost every shop in the UK sells cheap, bottled water. People drink a lot of it. Water is also much cheaper than sugared drinks, so many people think this is a good way of helping to stop obesity.

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Yes, 'obesity'. ያለቅጥ ከፍተኛ የሆነ ውፍረት ማለት ነው። And sugar can certainly cause obesity... but we still have a lot of bottles! እስኪ በመጀመሪያ *You and Yours* የተሰኘ የቢቢሲ የወቅታዊ ጉዳዮች ዝግጅት በታሸጉ መጠጦች፣ በጤና በአካባቢ ላይ የሚደርግ ውይይትን ቀንጭበን እናዳምጥ።

News insert

Well this is a perfect illustration of the range of bottled water you can buy these days. I'm in a medium-sized supermarket and I've just counted twenty-two different brands of bottled water on the shelves in front of me; that's not including the supermarket's own brand and it's not including the various flavoured waters that you can find. Supporters say the rise of bottled water is good for the economy and has manifest health benefits over sugared drinks, which have been blamed for the obesity epidemic. But environmentalists say it's wasteful, and that most plastic bottles are never recycled.

Sam

Hmm, it sounds like we might not think enough about the consequences of the bottles we use.

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I agree, Sam. 'Consequences'. መዘዞች ማለት ነው። You can see a lot of these consequences here.

Sam

Yeah, you can find plastic bottles almost anywhere, now! I think that, as well as air pollution, plastic pollution is becoming a real issue!

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'Pollution' means ብክለት ማለት ነው። What do you think, Phil?

Phil

I agree that pollution is a big issue. But what are people supposed to do? I mean, I'm a big consumer of fizzy drinks. I can't buy a bottle made of paper, can I? It would fall to pieces!

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'Fizzy drinks' ሱዳ ወይንም በውስጣቸው የታመቀ አየር ያላቸው መጠጦች ማለት ነው። Yes, but there must be other materials we can use?

Sam

Yeah! Something degradable would be better as it wouldn't cause such a mess for so long!

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Yes! 'Degradable' የሚበሰብስ ማለት ነው። Don't you think it would be better to have bottles made of degradable material, Phil? Especially if people drink as many fizzy drinks as you do!

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Well, I agree, it's probably a good idea, but you're also forgetting that people can reuse plastic, too!

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'Reuse' means ደግሞ መጠቀም ማለት ነው። Perhaps you're right, Phil. ይህ ደግሞ የዛሬውን ጥያቄ አስታወሰኝ፤ ምን ያህል ዩኔስ አሜሪካ ውስጥ የፕላስቲክ ጠርመሶች በቀን እንደሚጣሉ ነበር የጠየቅኛችሁ። መልሱ... ሐ) 60 ሚሊዮን ነው።

Sam

Oh wow! I can't believe it, that's so depressing. It's really bad for the environment!

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'Environment' አካባቢ ማለት ነው።

Phil

Ok, right! I'm going to reuse this bottle! So, where's the fizzy drinks tap?

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Fizzy drinks?!

Sam

You can't get free fizzy drinks from the tap, Phil!

Phil

What?! Why not?! That's ridiculous! I think I'm going to the shop now to buy a nice, cold bottle of lemonade. Anyone want anything?

Sam

Phil, wait! Think about what you're doing!!

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I guess Phil must be really thirsty! የእርስዎ አስተያየት ምንድን ነው? ብዙ ጊዜ ጠርመሶችን 'reuse' ወይም 'recycle' ያደርጋሉ? መልሱም በፈሳሽ ነገሮች ላይ ይመሳሰላሉ? እርስዎ በሚኖሩባቸው አካባቢዎች ያለቅጥ ከፍተኛ የሆነ

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