

If your family is like many in the United States, unloading the week’s groceries includes \_\_\_\_\_\_ water into your home. On your way to a soccer game or activity, it’s easy to grab \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the fridge, right?

But all those plastic bottles use a lot of fossil \_\_\_\_\_\_ and pollute the environment. In fact, Americans buy more bottled water than any other nation in the world, adding 29 billion water bottles a year to the problem. In \_\_\_\_\_\_ bottles, manufacturers use 17 million barrels of crude oil. That’s enough oil to keep a \_\_\_\_\_\_ for twelve months.

Imagine a water bottle filled a quarter of the way up with oil. That’s about how much oil was needed to produce the bottle.

So why don’t more people drink water straight from the kitchen faucet? Some people drink bottled water because they think \_\_\_\_\_ water out of the tap, but that’s not true. In the United States, local governments make sure water from the faucet is safe. There is also growing concern that chemicals in the bottles themselves may leach into the water.

People love the convenience of bottled water. But maybe if they realized the problems it causes, they would try drinking \_\_\_\_\_\_ at home or carrying water in a \_\_\_\_\_\_ instead of plastic.

Plastic bottle recycling can help—instead of going out with the trash, plastic bottles can be turned into items like carpeting or \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.

Unfortunately, for every six water bottles we use, \_\_\_\_\_ to the recycling bin. The rest are sent to landfills. Or, even worse, they end up as trash on the land and in rivers, lakes, and the ocean. Plastic bottles take many hundreds of years to disintegrate.

Water is good for you, so keep drinking it. But think about how often you use water bottles, and \_\_\_\_\_ a change.

And yes, you can make a difference. Remember this: Recycling one plastic bottle can save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for six hours.

**Write the correct letter in the gaps of the right answer. There are more options than you need.**

A. ….. fuels

B. ….. cozy fleece

C. ….. million cars going

D. ….. refillable steel container

E. ….. metal cans

F. ….. hauling a case or two of bottled

G. ….. see if you can make

H. …..recycle

I. ….. it is better for them than

J. …..dump

K. …. order to make all these

L. ….. only one makes it

M. ….. a cold one right out

N. ….. from a glass





Key: F – M – A – K – C – N – D – B – L – G -

Not used: E – H - J

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