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 ([charities]
   - 자체 기관 (hội từ thiện
   - 慈善機關)

2. **consignment** (to lend something to a store until they sell it for you)
   - tso kom luag muab muag (consignment)
   - 워탁판매 (gửi hàng để bán
   - ฝากญญาณกับจิ

3. **donation** (something you give to a charity)
   - ib qho muab pub (donation)
   - 기부물 (quyền dở
   - 捐贈物)

4. **donate** (to give something to a charity)
   - muab pub (donate)
   - 기부하다 (biểu tang
   - 仏贈)

5. **garage sale** (when people sell things they don’t need anymore, usually in their garage, yard or driveway)
   - muag khoom qub (garage sale)
   - 집에서 사로화 (một kiên sẽ
   - bán đồ cũ
   - 車庫廉售)

6. **household goods** (the things you have in your house)
   - cuab yeej cuab tam (household goods)
   - 가정용 물품 (vật dụng trong nhà
   - 家用品)

7. **classified ads** (ads in the newspaper listing things people want to sell)
   - ntawv qhia yuav muag khoom (classified ads)
   - 광고판매이지 (muồn quảng cáo
   - 售物廣告)
Household Goods

1. dishes
   cov tais
   접시
   จาน, ชิ้น
   ถ้วย จาน
   碗盤

2. furniture
   cov rooj tog
   가구
   bàn, ghế
   家俱

3. linens
   cov pam
   수건 및 침대, 베개보등
   vải vóc
   ผ้าปูที่นอน
   床單

4. mattress
   lub txaj
   메트리스
   nệm
   床墊
Household Goods

5. silverware
   cov diav rawg
   수저, 포크, 둥종류
   vật dụng bằng bạc
   นุ่งห่ม
   餐具，刀叉

6. toys
   khoom ua si
   장난감
   đồ chơi
   ของเล่น
   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
   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.