

1 Read and translate the title. Then guess what you are going to read about and express your idea in 1–3 sentences. Write them down. / Přečti a přelož nadpis. Pak odhadni, o čem asi článek bude a shrň tento svůj názor do 1–3 vět. Věty napiš.

CREATIVE WAYS TO BE NICE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

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2 Match the logical pairs. / Spoj páry, které k sobě logicky patří.

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| 1) tennis | a) example |
| 2) for | b) art |
| 3) picnic | c) vegetables |
| 4) wall | d) mirror |
| 5) creating | e) back |
| 6) fashion | f) companies |
| 7) to send | g) sources |
| 8) recycled | h) bottles |
| 9) plastic | i) racket |
| 10) to grow | j) natural |
| 11) completely | k) power |
| 12) natural | l) table |
| 13) solar | m) materials |



3 Match each expression to its definition. / Spoj výrazy s jejich definicemi.

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| 1) environment | a) old or useless things of little value |
| 2) ecofriendly | b) damaged, not suitable for future use |
| 3) unwanted | c) to use again, often in a new, different way |
| 4) worn-out | d) not harmful to the environment |
| 5) junk | e) not desired |
| 6) to recycle | f) the world and conditions that surround us |

4 Fill in the gaps with the correct words. / Doplň do mezer správné výrazy.

a) repurpose | b) have added | c) materials | d) are using | e) throw
 f) power | g) limit | h) give | i) made | j) keep

- 1) We how much water and electricity we use.
- 2) Many people these things in the trash.
- 3) You can an old suitcase into an armchair.
- 4) You can things a new life.
- 5) Many artists and sculptors use waste
- 6) In 1942, Pablo Picasso the sculpture “Bull’s Head”.
- 7) Many people ecofriendly characteristics to their house.
- 8) Solar panels on the roof can a home.
- 9) This can help the house warm in the winter.
- 10) They only natural sources of energy.

- 5** Read and translate the article. For each paragraph choose the correct title a-d and write it down on the lines 1-4. / Čti a překládej. Pro každý odstavec vyber správný titulek a-d a zapiš jej na volné řádky 1-4.

a) MAKING CLOTHES | b) REUSING THINGS | c) AT HOME | d) CREATING ART

CREATIVE WAYS TO BE NICE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

We all want to be ecofriendly - nicer to the environment - these days. We recycle plastic, glass, and paper. We limit how much water and electricity we use. But what else can we do? Here are some creative and interesting ways people are being nicer to the environment.

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We all have old and unwanted things around our house. An old tennis racket, a worn-out suitcase, or a skateboard you haven't used in a long time. Many people throw these things in the trash. But others "repurpose" them, which means they use these things for a completely different purpose. For example, you can make a picnic table with old skateboards. You can make a wall mirror from an old tennis racket. Or you can repurpose an old suitcase into an armchair. So instead of throwing out the "useless" things around your house, you can give them a new life as something else. So there are many things you can do with that junk in your garage.

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Another way that people use old materials is by creating art. Many artists and sculptors are using waste materials or unwanted products to make sculptures and paintings. This is helpful for the environment, but it's not a new idea. In 1942, Pablo Picasso made the sculpture "Bull's Head" from the seat and handlebars of a bicycle that he found in the trash. So, you might find something in the trash that you can make into a beautiful work of art. Maybe one day people will have your trash-art on their wall!

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Some fashion companies have done a lot to be more ecofriendly. Rapanui makes clothing from natural materials and customers send back their clothing when it is worn out. Rapanui uses the clothes to make new ones. So they don't throw out the materials, they just keep reusing them. Other companies make clothing out of recycled materials. Veja and Rothy's make sneakers and shoes out of plastic bottles. Patagonia has been making fleeces, shorts, and t-shirts from water bottles since 1993. And BATOKO makes swimwear from plastic that was in the ocean and on beaches.

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Many people have added ecofriendly characteristics to their house. Solar panels on the roof can power a home. People grow vegetables and plants in gardens on their roof. A greenwall is a wall of plants or greenery on a home. This can help keep the house warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Nowadays, people even buy homes that are ecofriendly. An Earthship home is made from completely natural or recycled materials. They use only natural sources of energy, such as wind or solar power. For this, the homes have small windmills and solar panels. All of the food comes from inside the house. They have a pond and a vegetable garden. It's a completely natural way to live. It does no damage to the environment. And best of all, it means you don't have to pay the government for electricity or water.

Answer the questions. / Odpověz.

- When did you hear about environmental problems for the first time?
- Have you or someone that you know ever saved an animal suffering because of environmental problems? If so, describe the situation.
- How much do you know about the problems caused by plastic in oceans? Watch the trailer for the documentary *A Plastic Ocean* on the Internet and discuss the topic.
- Have you ever seen a movie about an environmental disaster? If so, name it and describe what it was about.
- Do you think that the Czech Republic is a green country? Explain.
- Name the colours of the containers for sorted waste that we use in the Czech Republic and name all the waste you can put in them.

