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Incorrect battery disposal causes needless fires

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221205-batteries.html>

Our lifestyles are increasingly dependent on batteries. These ubiquitous sources of energy power everything from our cars and smartphones, to watches, remote controls and many other devices. However, these essential sources of power can be hazardous. A report from the Environmental Services Association (ESA) in the U.K. discovered that the incorrect disposal of batteries causes around 700 fires in Britain each year. This costs fire services \$195 million. The financial loss is considerably higher for those whose property has burnt down. A leading fire expert said: "These fires can be challenging for fire services to deal with....Everyone can do their bit...by ensuring they dispose of batteries correctly."

The biggest culprits for fires starting are lithium-ion batteries. These can explode and start fires if they are crushed or they get wet. An ESA spokesperson told the BBC that, "more and more people are putting devices containing these batteries in with household waste". He said: "That causes a real problem because they have a tendency - when damaged - to explode or ignite....They're likely to be crushed, compacted, smashed or they might get wet." He added: "That can cause them to short-circuit. And of course, they're then in the presence of other flammable material like plastic, paper and card and that can lead to quite big fires." The ESA encouraged people to be mindful of the potential hazards of batteries.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-63809620>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-11489909/Batteries-left-discarded-electricals-start-700-fires-year-report-warns.html>
<https://www.ecowatch.com/lithium-ion-batteries-fires.html>

WARM-UPS

1. BATTERIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about batteries. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

lifestyles / energy / power / smartphones / batteries / fire / property / expert / bit / culprits / get wet / devices / ignite / smashed / flammable / paper / plastic / hazards

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. REFUND FEE: Students A **strongly** believe people should get a refund for recycling batteries; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LIFE: How dependent are you on these things? What could we use instead of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Dependent	Alternatives
Batteries		
Smartphones		
TV		
Cars		
A knife and fork		
Jeans		

5. POWER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "power". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BATTERY OPERATED: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important battery-operated things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Smartphones
- Remote controls
- Watches
- Cars
- Clocks
- Toys
- Cordless tools
- Notebook computers

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. dependent | a. Requiring someone or something for financial or other support. |
| 2. ubiquitous | b. By a notably large amount or to a notably large extent; greatly. |
| 3. device | c. Present, appearing, or found everywhere. |
| 4. hazardous | d. The action or process of getting rid of something. |
| 5. disposal | e. A thing made or adapted for a particular purpose, especially a piece of mechanical or electronic equipment. |
| 6. considerably | f. Risky; dangerous. |
| 7. property | g. A building or buildings and the land belonging to it or them. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. culprit | h. Catch fire or cause to catch fire. |
| 9. explode | i. A trend towards a particular characteristic or type of behaviour. |
| 10. waste | j. The cause of a problem or defect. |
| 11. tendency | k. An electrical flow in device that accidentally touches something inside the device and closes it down or causes a fire. |
| 12. ignite | l. Burst or shatter violently and noisily as a result of rapid combustion, excessive internal pressure, or other process. |
| 13. short-circuit | m. Easily set on fire. |
| 14. flammable | n. Unwanted or unusable material, substances, or by-products. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221205-batteries.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says batteries depend on our lives. **T / F**
2. The article says batteries power remote controls and cars. **T / F**
3. Batteries are the cause of over 7,000 fires each year in the U.K. **T / F**
4. The article says not everyone can dispose of batteries correctly. **T / F**
5. Lithium-ion batteries can explode and start fires. **T / F**
6. Increasing numbers of people throw batteries in the garbage at home. **T / F**
7. Batteries can short-circuit and start fires. **T / F**
8. An environmental agency said we should understand battery hazards. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. dependent | a. offenders |
| 2. ubiquitous | b. getting rid of |
| 3. hazardous | c. squashed |
| 4. disposal | d. ever-present |
| 5. expert | e. blow up |
| 6. culprits | f. reliant |
| 7. explode | g. possible |
| 8. crushed | h. combustible |
| 9. flammable | i. dangerous |
| 10. potential | j. specialist |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Our lifestyles are increasingly dependent | a. bit |
| 2. These ubiquitous | b. be mindful |
| 3. the incorrect disposal | c. circuit |
| 4. for those whose property | d. sources of energy |
| 5. Everyone can do their | e. or ignite |
| 6. household | f. material |
| 7. explode | g. on batteries |
| 8. That can cause them to short- | h. waste |
| 9. flammable | i. has burnt |
| 10. The ESA encouraged people to | j. of batteries |

GAP FILL

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Our lifestyles are increasingly (1) _____ on batteries. These ubiquitous sources of energy (2) _____ everything from our cars and smartphones, to watches, remote controls and many other devices. However, these essential (3) _____ of power can be hazardous. A report from the Environmental Services Association (ESA) in the U.K. discovered that the incorrect (4) _____ of batteries causes around 700 fires in Britain each year. This costs fire services \$195 million. The financial (5) _____ is considerably higher for those whose property has burnt (6) _____. A leading fire expert said: "These fires can be challenging (7) _____ fire services to deal with....Everyone can do their (8) _____...by ensuring they dispose of batteries correctly."

power
sources
down
dependent
bit
loss
disposal
for

The biggest (9) _____ for fires starting are lithium-ion batteries. These can explode and start fires if they are (10) _____ or they get wet. An ESA spokesperson told the BBC that, "more and more people are putting devices containing these batteries in with household (11) _____". He said: "That causes a real problem because they have a (12) _____ - when damaged - to explode or ignite....They're likely to be crushed, compacted, smashed or they might get (13) _____. He added: "That can cause them to short-circuit. And of course, they're then in the presence of other (14) _____ material like plastic, paper and card and that can (15) _____ to quite big fires." The ESA encouraged people to be mindful of the (16) _____ hazards of batteries.

wet
crushed
lead
tendency
potential
culprits
waste
flammable

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Our lifestyles are increasingly _____
 - a. depend dent on batteries
 - b. deep end dent on batteries
 - c. deepen dent on batteries
 - d. dependent on batteries
- 2) the incorrect disposal of batteries causes around 700 fires in _____
 - a. Britain each year
 - b. Britain all year
 - c. Britain whole year
 - d. Britain for year
- 3) considerably higher for those whose property _____
 - a. has burnt drown
 - b. has burnt up
 - c. has burnt down
 - d. has burnt in
- 4) These fires can be challenging for fire services _____
 - a. towed eel with
 - b. toad eel with
 - c. to deal with
 - d. towed deal with
- 5) Everyone can do their bit...by ensuring they _____ correctly
 - a. displays of batteries
 - b. this pose of batteries
 - c. this posse of batteries
 - d. dispose of batteries
- 6) The biggest culprits for fires starting are _____
 - a. lithium-iron batteries
 - b. lithium-in batteries
 - c. lithium-ion batteries
 - d. lithium-on batteries
- 7) These can explode and start fires if they are crushed or _____
 - a. they get what
 - b. they get wet
 - c. they get whet
 - d. they get welt
- 8) people are putting devices containing these batteries in _____
 - a. with household waste
 - b. with household waist
 - c. with household vast
 - d. with household wattle
- 9) That causes a real problem because they _____
 - a. have a tend dents sea
 - b. have attendant see
 - c. have a tend antsy
 - d. have a tendency
- 10) And of course, they're then in the presence of _____
 - a. other flappable material
 - b. other farmable material
 - c. other flan marble material
 - d. other flammable material

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221205-batteries.html>

1. What are our lives increasingly dependent on?
2. How many fires do batteries start each year in the UK?
3. How much do the fires cost fire services?
4. Who can fires be challenging for?
5. Who does an environmental agency say can do their bit?
6. What are the biggest fire-starting culprits?
7. Where are more and more people throwing away batteries?
8. What might crushed batteries do besides explode?
9. Why might batteries short-circuit?
10. What did the ESA encourage people to be mindful of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221205-batteries.html>

- 1) What are our lives increasingly dependent on?
 - a) money
 - b) batteries
 - c) remote control
 - d) smartphones
- 2) How many fires do batteries start each year in the UK?
 - a) exactly 700
 - b) just fewer than 700
 - c) over 700
 - d) around 700
- 3) How much do the fires cost fire services?
 - a) \$195 million
 - b) \$185 million
 - c) \$175 million
 - d) \$165 million
- 4) Who can fires be challenging for?
 - a) neighbours
 - b) hospital staff
 - c) fire services
 - d) insects
- 5) Who does an environmental agency say can do their bit?
 - a) drill makers
 - b) everyone
 - c) battery makers
 - d) fire fighters
- 6) What are the biggest fire-starting culprits?
 - a) broken glass
 - b) arsonists
 - c) lithium-ion batteries
 - d) children
- 7) Where are more and more people throwing away batteries?
 - a) out of car windows
 - b) in rivers
 - c) on roads
 - d) into the household waste
- 8) What might crushed batteries do besides explode?
 - a) ignite
 - b) leak
 - c) burn surfaces
 - d) poison people
- 9) Why might batteries short-circuit?
 - a) if they get wet
 - b) if they heat up
 - c) if the device is overused
 - d) if the wifi drops
- 10) What did the ESA encourage people to be mindful of?
 - a) their oneness
 - b) potential hazards of batteries
 - c) Earth
 - d) the environment

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Watches

You think watches are the most important battery-operated things. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): toys, remote controls or cordless tools.

Role B – Toys

You think toys are the most important battery-operated things. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): watches, remote controls or cordless tools.

Role C – Remote Controls

You think remote controls are the most important battery-operated things. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): toys, watches or cordless tools.

Role D – Cordless Tools

You think cordless tools are the most important battery-operated things. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): toys, remote controls or watches.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221205-batteries.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'battery' and 'fire'.

battery	fire
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lifestyles• controls• report• 700• burnt• bit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• biggest• BBC• real• course• like• mindful
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BATTERIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about batteries in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BATTERIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'battery'?
3. What do you think of batteries?
4. What do you like and dislike about batteries?
5. What things that you use have batteries in them?
6. What are the dangers of batteries?
7. How do batteries work?
8. What do you think of rechargeable batteries?
9. How do you dispose of batteries?
10. Should we get a refund for recycling batteries?

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BATTERIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'fire'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Will you start disposing of batteries properly from now?
15. Have you ever put a battery in the household waste?
16. What environmental damage do batteries do?
17. What are the issues surrounding batteries for electric cars?
18. Do you ever get stressed about your smartphone battery?
19. How can we be more mindful of batteries?
20. What questions would you like to ask battery makers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) of |
| 2. | (a) add | (b) via | (c) to | (d) as |
| 3. | (a) sauces | (b) sorcery | (c) scourges | (d) sources |
| 4. | (a) all | (b) each | (c) whole | (d) any |
| 5. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) all | (d) down |
| 6. | (a) bite | (b) biting | (c) bit | (d) byte |
| 7. | (a) implode | (b) explode | (c) exploit | (d) impose |
| 8. | (a) containing | (b) contents | (c) container | (d) contrary |
| 9. | (a) tendency | (b) trending | (c) urgency | (d) emergency |
| 10. | (a) shirt | (b) long | (c) short | (d) burn |
| 11. | (a) impertinence | (b) presence | (c) pretense | (d) presence |
| 12. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) by |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Our lifestyles are increasingly etdenepdn on batteries
2. These ibiusuqtuo sources of energy
3. sources of power can be hdauosrza
4. The financial loss is sadocerbilyn higher
5. A leading fire teperx
6. ensuring they sdopies of batteries correctly

Paragraph 2

7. The biggest ctsirlup for fires
8. These can xledeop and start fires
9. they have a yctdnene
10. cause them to shrot-tiriucc
11. other efbmmalla material
12. The ESA udgeraocen people to be mindful

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () power everything from our cars and smartphones, to watches, remote controls and many other
- () smashed or they might get wet." He added: "That can cause them to short-circuit. And of
- () devices. However, these essential sources of power can be hazardous. A report from the Environmental Services Association
- () (ESA) in the U.K. discovered that the incorrect disposal of batteries causes around 700 fires
- () to quite big fires." The ESA encouraged people to be mindful of the potential hazards of batteries.
- () challenging for fire services to deal with....Everyone can do their bit...by ensuring they dispose of batteries correctly."
- (**1**) Our lifestyles are increasingly dependent on batteries. These ubiquitous sources of energy
- () The biggest culprits for fires starting are lithium-ion batteries. These can explode and start
- () higher for those whose property has burnt down. A leading fire expert said: "These fires can be
- () in Britain each year. This costs fire services \$195 million. The financial loss is considerably
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- () course, they're then in the presence of other flammable material like plastic, paper and card and that can lead
- () containing these batteries in with household waste". He said: "That causes a real problem because they have a

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. dependent batteries . lifestyles Our increasingly are on
2. everything . ubiquitous energy power sources of These
3. essential These can of sources be hazardous . power
4. those whose for burnt property has down . Higher
5. fires These can fire challenging for be services .
6. culprits lithium-ion for batteries . are biggest The fires
7. with Putting waste . batteries household devices in containing
8. cause the can That short-circuit . to batteries
9. other of They're presence in the material . flammable
10. to The encouraged be mindful . ESA people more

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221205-batteries.html>

Our lifestyles are *increased* / *increasingly* dependent on batteries. These ubiquitous *sources* / *saucers* of energy power everything from our cars and smartphones, to watches, remote *control* / *controls* and many other devices. However, these *essence* / *essential* sources of power can *be* / *have* hazardous. A report from the Environmental Services Association (ESA) in the U.K. discovered that the incorrect *dispersal* / *disposal* of batteries causes around 700 fires in Britain *each* / *all* year. This costs fire services \$195 million. The financial loss is considerably *heighten* / *higher* for those whose property has burnt *down* / *up*. A leading fire expert said: "These fires can be challenging for fire services to deal with....Everyone can do their *hit* / *bit*...by ensuring they dispose of batteries correctly."

The biggest *spirits* / *culprits* for fires starting are lithium-ion batteries. These can explode and start fires if they are *crushed* / *crashed* or they get wet. An ESA spokesperson told the BBC that, "more and more people are putting devices *contents* / *containing* these batteries in with household *wasting* / *waste*". He said: "That causes a real problem because they have a *trending* / *tendency* - when damaged - to explode or *ignite* / *ignoble*....they're likely to be crushed, compacted, smashed or they might *have* / *get* wet. He added: "That can cause them to short-circuit. And of course, they're then in the *presence* / *presents* of other flammable material like plastic, paper and card and that can lead to *quite* / *quote* big fires." The ESA encouraged people to be *handful* / *mindful* of the potential hazards of batteries.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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__r l_fstyl_s __r __ncr__sngly d_p_nd_nt __n b_tt_r__s.
Th_s_ __b_q__t__s s__rc_s _f _n_rgy p_w_r _v_rythng
fr_m __r c_rs __nd sm_rtp_h_n_s, t_ w_tch_s, r_m_t_
c_ntr_ls __nd m_ny __th_r d_v_c_s. H_w_v_r, th_s_
__ss_nt__l s__rc_s _f p_w_r c_n b_ h_z_rd__s. __r_p_r_t
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y__r. Th_s c_sts f_r_ s_rv_c_s \$195 m_ll__n. Th_
f_n_nc__l l_ss __s c_ns_d_r_bly h_gh_r f_r th_s_ wh_s_
pr_p_rty h_s b_rnt d_wn. __l__dng f_r_ __xp_r_t s__d:
"Th_s_ f_r_s c_n b_ ch_llngng f_r f_r_ s_rv_c_s t_
d__l w_th...._v_ry_n_ c_n d_ th__r b_t...by __ns_rng
th_y d_sp_s_ __f b_tt_r__s c_rr_ctly."

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__n b_tt_r__s. Th_s_ c_n __xpl_d_ __nd st_rt f_r_s _f
th_y __r_ cr_sh_d __r th_y g_t w_t. __n __S_
sp_k_sp_rs_n t_ld th_ BBC th_t, "m_r_ __nd m_r_
p__pl_ __r_ p__ttng d_v_c_s c__nt__nng th_s_ b_tt_r__s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2212/221205-batteries.html>

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the biggest culprits for fires starting are lithium ion batteries these can explode and start fires if they are crushed or they get wet an esa spokesperson told the bbc that more and more people are putting devices containing these batteries in with household waste he said that causes a real problem because they have a tendency when damaged to explode or ignite they're likely to be crushed compacted smashed or they might get wet he added that can cause them to shortcircuit and of course they're then in the presence of other flammable material like plastic paper and card and that can lead to quite big fires the esa encouraged people to be mindful of the potential hazards of batteries

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BATTERIES: Make a poster about batteries. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. REFUND FEE: Write a magazine article about refunding people a small fee to recycle batteries. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on batteries. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on disposing of batteries. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. j
6. a	7. e	8. c	9. h	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Batteries
- Around 700
- \$195 million
- Fire services
- Everyone
- Lithium-ion batteries
- Into the household waste
- Ignite
- If they get wet
- Potential hazards of batteries

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Our lifestyles are increasingly dependent on batteries.
- These ubiquitous sources of energy power everything.
- These essential sources of power can be hazardous.
- Higher for those whose property has burnt down.
- These fires can be challenging for fire services.
- The biggest culprits for fires are lithium-ion batteries.
- Putting devices containing batteries in with household waste.
- That can cause the batteries to short-circuit.
- They're in the presence of other flammable material.
- The ESA encouraged people to be more mindful.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)