



The Circular Economy

Summary Writing

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Student

Two types of lesson

Lesson#1: [Easy] ***** [B2/C1]

1. Predict the content of the text. Write down key terms & ideas.
2. Read the text & check words & meanings with a dictionary.
3. Identify the key points & support & complete the **outline**.
4. Write the summary – only one paragraph (200-250 words).
5. Check key points with the **completed outline & model answer** (try to achieve 4 key points and 4 support points).
6. Answer critical thinking questions & check answers.

Lesson #2: [Hard] ***** [C1]

1. Read the text – no dictionary.
2. Identify the key points and support.
3. Write the summary – only one paragraph (200-250 words).
4. Check key points with the **completed outline & model answer** (try to achieve 4 key points and 4 supporting points).
5. Answer critical thinking questions & check answers.

Teacher

Two types of lesson

Lesson#1: [easy] ***** [B2/C1]

1. Distribute text a week /day before the test. Students read, check vocabulary & meanings.
2. Test day – distribute a **new copy of text** and **summary question**.
3. Set 1 hour to read the text, take notes and write a one-paragraph summary of 200-250 words.
4. Feedback¹: take in and mark [use correction code*].
5. Feedback²: distribute **completed outline & model answer**.
6. Summary marking: **Should contain at least 4 main ideas with support** – see Summary Key Points.
7. Extra: Critical thinking questions / group discussion (30 minutes).

Lesson #2: [hard] ***** [C1]

1. Set 1 hour to read the **text** and write a one-paragraph summary of 200-250 words.
3. Feedback¹: take in and mark [use correction code*].
4. Feedback²: distribute **completed outline & model answer**.
5. Summary Marking: **Should contain at least 4 main ideas with support** – see Summary Key Points.
6. Extra: Answer critical thinking questions / group discussion (30 minutes).

Correction code*: www.academic-englishuk/error-correction

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The traditional model of manufacturing products and then discarding as waste after they have served their purpose [redacted]. The sheer quantity of waste generated in one year is extensive. The USA alone produced 254 million tonnes [redacted] [redacted]. Furthermore, the global production of plastic waste had surged to 359 million tonnes by 2018 with Europe contributing 61.8 million tonnes (Statista, 2020). The manner by which [redacted] of pollution. Mismanagement of landfill and improper disposal of waste has caused air, land and water pollution, [redacted]. Not only are the ecosystems being damaged, but as Kajaste (2014) explains, this surge in waste due to the linear economy has also increased the [redacted].

Turoń and Czech (2016) explain that the linear economy has been structured on a “take-make-waste” [redacted] fossil fuels which are [redacted]. These raw materials are extracted and then manufactured for consumption, and both stages create toxic emissions and use an [redacted] have been used, less than 10% is recycled and the remaining is either incinerated, sent abroad or discarded in landfill sites. In fact, according to the Ellen MacArthur Foundation (2017) the [redacted] of [redacted] from all the pollution created, the linear economy is putting immense pressure on a country’s decreasing resources as new raw materials have to be continuously sourced. [redacted] year, and this [redacted] to double by 2050 (Weetman, 2019) if changes are not made. Therefore, an urgent shift to a more [redacted] is required (Govindan & Hasanagic, 2018).

The main aim of the circular economy is to conserve raw materials and eliminate waste from the [redacted] the focus becomes “ [redacted]”. This 3-R approach of reducing the amount of primary resources, reusing the maximum amount of material or [redacted] and [redacted] lifecycle (Epa.gov, 2016) can ensure that there is a positive recoupling between economy and ecology. Profits can [redacted] Hasanagic (2018) point out, organisations can reduce the negative impact on ecosystems and also decrease their level of [redacted] emissions. The other [redacted] consumer’s role will become that of a ‘user’. Unlike in today’s buy and consume economy, durable [redacted] of products which are sold, agreements in which the company takes back the product, materials [redacted] be reused are made.

By switching from a linear [redacted] of money. A major study demonstrated that the EU could make a saving of €600 billion annually (Europarl.europa.eu, [redacted] that by taking measures such as reusing materials, changing to renewable energy, prolonging the product lifecycle and waste prevention, [redacted] their profitability [redacted] employment as more companies focus on sustainable business models, innovative designs, re-manufacturing [redacted] could be created in Europe, and the UK alone is expected to produce 517,000 new [redacted] et al., 2019).

Moorhouse & Moorhouse, (2017) suggest that [redacted] - sharing apps to recycled fashion brands have started to embrace the circular economy. Company such [redacted] battery thus [redacted] of batteries ending in landfills. The fashion brand Timberland has collaborated with Omni United to create [redacted]. The [redacted] refined and spun into yarn to create its clothing, and Burberry, the UK fashion giant, has found a [redacted] materials (Ft.com, 2019). Firms like Winnow, Schneider Electric, Cambrian Innovation, [redacted] all taken the route of the circular economy.

Thus, economies [redacted] that favours the linear model of production and consumption. As the amount of waste generated is substantial, the [redacted] is paramount. The [redacted] the number of organisations which are focusing on becoming more sustainable is steadily increasing, and [redacted] these businesses [redacted] see the commercial viability of this model, and as more consumers shift their perception from product to [redacted] the circular model and this will help to minimise resource scarcity, decrease the amount of [redacted] pollution.

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Summary: Key Points

Take notes on the key points of the text.

1. Main idea:

Support:

2. Main idea:

Support:

3. Main idea:

Support:

4. Main idea:

Support:

5. Main idea:

Support:

6. Main idea:

Support:

Summary: Key Points **ANSWERS**

A good summary should have the 5 main ideas and 2 points of support for each main idea.

<p>1. Main idea: Waste produced by the linear economy & its effects.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • Waste disposal generates a lot of pollution. • Mismanagement of landfill & [REDACTED] pollution. • Effects: [REDACTED] (Kajaste, 2014).
<p>2. Main idea: How the linear econ. works & why it's so harmful.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear economy = "take-make-waste" (Turoń and Czech, 2016) • [REDACTED] (Limited). • Extraction & production = toxic emissions & use energy and water. • [REDACTED].
<p>3. Main idea: Definition of the circular economy.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve raw materials & eliminate waste. • [REDACTED] materials, reuse max. amount material & recycle product at end of life cycle (Epa.gov, 2016). • [REDACTED] • Consumer's role = 'user'. Not buy & consume, but rent, lease & share. Company takes back to reuse.
<p>4. Main idea: [REDACTED]</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From linear to circular, [REDACTED] of money. (Europarl.europa.eu, 2018). • Reusing materials [REDACTED] product lifecycle & waste prevention = organisations increase profitability. • [REDACTED], re-manufacturing & recycling products.
<p>5. Main idea: Practical examples [REDACTED]</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnson Controls = 99% [REDACTED] of batteries ending in landfills. • [REDACTED] RAW = discarded plastic - refined & spun into yarn to create clothing. • [REDACTED] (Ft.com, 2019).
<p>6. Main idea: Moving from a linear to a circular economy.</p>
<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As [REDACTED] circular. • As [REDACTED] = organisations will embrace the circular model. • Effects: [REDACTED] produced & prevent air, land & water pollution.

Summary

Task: Write a 200-250 word summary on the key features of the text.

Word count: _____

The Circular Economy - Model Summary

The linear economy's modality of "take-make-waste" (Turoń and Czech, 2016) has had a [REDACTED]. Not only is the amount of waste generated in a year extensive, but mismanagement of landfill and improper waste disposal generates a considerable amount of pollution, [REDACTED] greenhouse gases (Kajaste, 2014). Furthermore, this type of economy relies on the extraction [REDACTED], releasing toxic chemicals and consuming a significant amount of energy and water. One [REDACTED] to a circular economy. In this type of economy, the goal is to conserve raw materials and eliminate [REDACTED], leading to a more positive relationship between the economy and ecology. Transitioning [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and increase their profit margins (Europarl.europa.eu, 2018) through [REDACTED] prolonging product lifecycle and waste prevention. Furthermore, employment opportunities can be [REDACTED] and recycling. Some organisations are already circular; Raw uses discarded [REDACTED] Omni United make shoes from recycled tyres and Johnson Controls invented a 99% recyclable [REDACTED] from product to performance and as more companies see the commercial viability, [REDACTED] will lead [REDACTED], the decrease in the amount of waste produced and a [REDACTED].

249 words

Critical Thinking Questions

i) What's the stance of the author? What is the evidence for this?

[2 points]

ii) Is this a credible article? Yes /no – why?

[2 points]

iii) Highlight four ideas in the text you would use for an essay on “Can a circular company protect the environment and make a profit at the same time?”

[4 points]

iv) Highlight two areas in the text that you question, disagree with or lack evidence.

[2 points]

Critical Thinking Questions ANSWERS

i) What's the stance of the author? What is the evidence for this?

The author believes that as a linear economy is having a devastating impact on the environment, organisations should change to a circular economy in order to minimise resource scarcity, decrease the amount of waste produced and prevent pollution.

Several sentences illustrate this:

“The traditional model of manufacturing products and then discarding as waste after they have served their purpose has caused a catastrophic impact on the environment”.....

ALL ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...