

Separating Garbage

Here are two pieces of writing that try to show the good and bad points of having

“a system for collecting household garbage in separate categories.”

Read the two compositions and decide which one is better and which one is “garbage”. Try to find reasons.

A

Separating garbage is easier for garbage collectors because their work is less dangerous. But it is more difficult for housewives who must spend a lot of time. In most countries housewives are always busy. So they don't like separating garbage. But housewives think about their garbage more so they try to buy things in supermarkets that will make less garbage. But garbage smells bad so housewives don't like separating it. But it is good for the environment. On the other hand, some homes do not have full-time housewives because the people are single or the husband and wife both work and they don't have enough time to separate plastic bottles from glass bottles. But the recycling companies like it because they can be more efficient. But there are not many recycling companies and most of the garbage still goes to land-fill in fact. But I think it is good to make people think about garbage because it is a big problem. So, you can see that it has both advantages and disadvantages.

B

Nowadays we have to obey new rules about garbage disposal. We are supposed to separate our garbage into different categories. This idea has both advantages and disadvantages.

One bad point is that people, who already have little free time, are forced to waste this time doing an unpleasant household task. Another drawback is that the system is especially inconvenient for single people or married couples who both work. Worst of all, it actually does little to help the environment as although the rubbish has been separated, the different categories are not really recycled but still end up as land-fill in most places.

But garbage separation has some good points too. By spending time with their waste products, people become more aware of how much waste they actually produce. In this way the system encourages people to avoid buying products with too much packaging, which will also discourage companies from over-packaging. Also, dividing refuse into different categories makes it easier and less dangerous for collectors to collect and helps recycling companies to work more efficiently.