

Intermediate GrammarPlus

A Survey

- 1 Read this report about a problem a town faces and find out what solutions are offered.

Introduction

I have been asked to write a report about how our town could be made a cleaner and more environmentally-friendly place. To carry out this task I compiled a questionnaire and distributed it to a group of residents. The residents made a number of useful comments, as well as providing three potential solutions.

Lack of Information

One factor that emerged from my investigation is that some citizens are not aware of the fact that a problem of this kind exists in our town. Consequently, they think that they do not need to make any effort to change their habits. For example, there is litter in the town centre and people need to realise what damage this could cause to tourism in the area.

Poor Facilities

An overwhelming majority of the people who completed the questionnaire complained that there are no arrangements for recycling different kinds of rubbish into separate containers. As a result, people have no choice but to put paper, food, tins and glass into the same bin. Many people are of the opinion that the council must provide appropriate facilities. In the past, the town did not need to address this issue but nowadays it is important to approach it seriously, according to many citizens.

Inadequate Service

Forty percent of respondents claimed that they rarely see road sweepers. This is understandable, due to the fact that these workers work very early in the morning. The council's policy is that they need not organise an afternoon shift. However, some citizens suggested that the council could employ more road sweepers in order to keep the town clean all day.

Conclusion

Although a few people argued that they need not have filled in the questionnaire because it was a waste of time, many people provided very clear and realistic solutions. A long-term solution would be to carry out an advertising campaign, with leaflets and posters. Moreover, more immediate solutions were offered, such as supplying bins for recycling rubbish and employing more road sweepers.



DISCOVER

Grammar 1 (*must / need*)

- 2 Find all the examples of the verbs *must* and *need* in the report, then cross out the incorrect options in the Deductions box.

DEDUCTIONS

- a In this context the verb *must* is used to indicate something that *it is a duty or is necessary to do / has to be done because there is a rule about it / is certain*.
- b The verb *need* behaves like *an ordinary verb / a modal / both an ordinary verb and a modal*.
- c The forms *need not* and *do not need* indicate that something is *necessary / not necessary / obligatory*.
- d The form *need not have* indicates that something *was done in the past because it was necessary / was done in the past but was not necessary / was not done in the past because it was not necessary*.
- e The form *did not need* indicates that something *was done in the past because it was necessary / was done in the past but was not necessary / was not done in the past because it was not necessary*.

