

Unit 2: The Circular Economy

Reading 1: Closing the Circle on Waste

Answer the questions as you read.

1. How many plastic bottles end up in oceans every year? How many tires end up in landfills? (paragraph 1) _____

2. What are the basic steps in a linear economy? (paragraph 2 and figure 1)

3. What are the basic steps in a circular economy? (paragraph 3 and figure 1)

4. Why does the writer include the example of the shoe company Timberland? (paragraph 4) _____

5. According to the article, what are three valuable metals in electronic devices? (paragraph 6) _____

6. What does Entocycle grow? What do they do with what they grow? (paragraph 7)

7. According to the article, what would this process be an example of? A woman donates her old laptop to an organization that repairs it and replaces some broken parts. The organization then sells the laptop to a new customer. (paragraphs 4–7)
