Read the text about the disadvantages of plastic water bottles. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-8) in the text. Put a cross ( $\boxtimes$ ) in the correct box on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



## Bottled versus tap water

If your family is like many in the United States, unloading the week's groceries includes hauling a case or two of bottled water into your home. (0) \_\_\_\_ to a soccer game or activity, it's easy to grab a cold one right out of the fridge, right?

But all those plastic bottles use a lot of fossil fuels and pollute the environment. In fact, Americans buy more bottled water than any other nation in the world, (1) \_\_\_\_ 29 billion water bottles a year to the problem. (2) \_\_\_\_ make all these bottles, manufacturers use 17 million barrels of crude oil. That's enough oil to keep a million cars going for twelve months.

Imagine a water bottle filled a quarter of the way up with oil. That's about how much oil (3) \_\_\_\_ to produce the bottle.

So why don't more people drink water straight from the kitchen faucet? Some people drink bottled water because they think it is (4) \_\_\_\_ for them than water out of the tap, but that's not true. In the United States, local governments make sure water from the faucet is safe. There is also (5) \_\_\_\_ that chemicals in the bottles themselves may leach into the water.

People love the convenience of bottled water. But maybe if they realized the problems it causes, they would try drinking from a glass at home or carrying water in a refillable steel container instead of plastic.

Plastic bottle recycling can help – instead of going out with the trash, plastic bottles (6) \_\_\_\_ be turned into items like carpeting or cozy fleece clothing.

Unfortunately, for every six water bottles we use, only one (7) \_\_\_ it to the recycling bin. The rest are sent to landfills. Or, even worse, they end up as trash on the land and in rivers, lakes, and the ocean. Plastic bottles (8) \_\_\_ many hundreds of years to disintegrate.

Water is good for you, so keep drinking it. But think about how often you use water bottles, and see if you can make a change.

0	A Away	B To travel	© On your way	D If you went
1	A putting	B increasing	C making	D adding
2	A In order to	B In addition to	C Due to	D In contrast to
3	A will need	B was needed	C needs	D had been needed
4	A better	B easier	C clearer	D purer
5	A growing interest	B people worrying	C growing concern	D people watching
6	A are possible to	B can	C are able to	D manage to
7	A must have made	B made	C makes	D should have made
8	A take	B use	C last	D have

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