

LISTENING COMPREHENSION:

ENVIRONMENT – SCHOOL CUTS PAPER OUT OF CLASSROOM (2’30 min)

Hatbord Horsham High School has come up with an interesting project in order to save the environment. Listen and do the tasks below.

I) Read the following questions before listening to the text; then tick the correct answer.

1. What is the basic idea behind MTV’s “Break the Addiction”-Campaign?

- a. stop smoking
- b. stop global warming
- c. stop the paper industry
- d. stop reading the paper

2. Where is Hatbord Horsham High School?

- a. in California
- b. down the way
- c. on the outskirts
- d. near Philadelphia

3. Recycling paper at school is:

- a. ridiculous
- b. necessary
- c. better than going paperless
- d. not important

4. What do students do with their class notes?

- a. type them on keyboards
- b. show them on a beamer
- c. they are handheld
- d. they write them with a pen

5. What is **not** part of the traditional classroom:

- a. paper and pencil
- b. handhelds
- c. teacher talking for 80 minutes
- d. textbooks

6. According to the student:

- a. schools should go away
- b. he doesn’t like technology
- c. students need help for hard tests
- d. it’s a good idea to go paperless

II) Read the following statements and tick *true* or *false*. Correct the false statements.

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It is impossible to go paperless to school.		
Research papers and homework are a waste of time.		
An average student uses a lot of paper for tests and worksheets.		
Students will learn in the future, not today.		
Not all classes use new technologies to reduce paper.		
Hatbord Horsham High School will paint its classrooms green.		
Students think that using handhelds is cool.		
Doing homework the old-fashioned way makes you tired.		
Hopefully other schools will cut down the paper they use.		

Vocabulary – explain the following terms and expressions in English in a full sentence:

a. to go paperless

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b. paper clutters your classroom and litters your locker

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c. to lessen the load on Mother Earth

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d. handheld

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e. a handful of the school's Science classes

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f. to go green

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III) Extra tasks; answer the following questions after you have listened to the text:

1. Which of the following classes are already using new technologies? Which classes will follow in January?

English, Maths, Science, Social Studies

2. Match the following statements to the speakers; what did the student say, what did the teacher say?

- a. "It would definitely help in the future if schools would all be paperless."
- b. "For years, the traditional classroom has been paper and pencil, where you take out your textbooks..."
- c. "It'll be hard for schools to convert that fast; they'd have to buy all that technology."

Host: Hey, how is it going everybody? I'm John Norris with your MTV News. Well November is here and as part of our "Break the Addiction" Campaign to help stop global warming we want you guys to go paperless this month.

Now you're probably thinking "that's a pretty impossible thing to do". But we did find one high school just outside from Philadelphia that found a way to go paper-free. How? Well let's just say that it is all about the beaming. Check this out!

Speaker: It clutters your classroom [voice of female teacher: "we use so much paper in school, so this is ridiculous"] and litters your locker. From research papers to homework handouts – you're probably wasting piles of paper at school. So what can YOU do to help lessen the load on Mother Earth?

Female voice: "We think it's really important to recycle here, because we don't wanna waste paper."

Speaker: Recycling is a great way to start, by why not throw out that pen and go totally paperless. That's exactly what these students ... at Hatbord Horsham High School are doing.

Female teacher's voice: "It's essentially the entire class without paper and its really reducing a lot, because an average student uses a lot of paper every year. Between used leaves and work sheets and tests and everything's on mind so you don't use any paper.

Speaker: They are learning in the classroom of the future, today.

Male teacher's voice: Go back into your Word documents that you've opened yesterday.

Speaker: No trapper keepers here, not only the students type class notes on portable keyboards..

Speaker: ... they also beam homework to their teachers from hand-held palm pilots.

Female student's voice: If you have a document, you can send it to another person, with the same palm-held and you just hold up one palm pilot to the other.

Speaker: Right now, only a handful of the school's science classes are paperless, but come January, some English, Maths and Social Studies classrooms will be going green to.

Male teacher's voice: For years has the traditional classroom been paper and pencil, when you take out your textbooks and I'm going to talk to you for 80 minutes. Now bringing in the idea of kids using hand-helds and being able to beam information to each other. They do see that as cool.

Speaker: So if you are tired of doing your homework the old-fashioned way, maybe your school can go the Hatbord Horsham way too.

Male student's voice: I think, schools should eventually go this way. I know it will be hard for a school to convert that fast, it has to buy all the technology, but I think it will definitely help them in future when all the schools will be paperless.

Students together: Break the addiction!

Host: Well hopefully other school will catch on this paperless way or at least cut down on the paper they use. As always, to learn more about our "Break the addiction" Campaign you can check out think.mtv.com.