***Your school magazine has invited you to suggest ways in which ordinary people can help to protect the environment. Write an article for the magazine giving your suggestions.***

***Write your article in 150 words in an appropriate style.***

**DOING YOUR BIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

We all know what the problem is. Global warming’s getting worse and we throw away a small mountain of rubbish every day. It may seem like there’s no solution, but a few simple changes to your lifestyle can really help the environment.

**First of all,** *ask yourself if you recycle everything you could.* *Paper and glass are easy, but what about plastic or tin cans? Find out from your local council how you can recycle more of the things you use every day.*

**Secondly,** *think about how much water you use. A few simple steps could save you money and help protect the environment. For example, you can save a lot of water by sweeping balconies and pavements. Don't let the tap run while you are washing yourself or brushing your teeth, make your showers shorter, and do the washing up in a bowl rather than under the running tap.*

**Finally,** what if we don’t have any facilities or schemes in our area? That could be your chance to start writing to your council to demand them.

**So,** don’t just sit there! *We can all do our bit, from saving water to recycling, from writing letters to joining protests. If everybody does a little, then perhaps together we can really make a difference!*

**WRITING AN ARTICLE FOR A NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE, BLOG …**

* PLAN your article.
* Give your article a catchy title.
* Make sure you have at least 4 paragraphs.
* Ask rhetorical questions to get your readers' attention. Eg. *What would the world be like without oil? What will life be like in 20 years time? you ever…?*
* Speak directly to your readers. Eg. *Let's just imagine some of the possibilities.*
* Give examples where appropriate.
* Give a conclusion and summary in the last paragraph.
* Finally, give your opinion where appropriate.
* REVISE your article to correct mistakes.