

A large globe constructed from numerous square panels, each containing a distinct image. The panels are arranged in a grid-like pattern across the surface of the sphere. The images vary widely, representing themes such as modern architecture, scientific concepts like DNA helices and film strips, environmental elements like flowers and hands holding a globe, and technological motifs like circuit boards and digital screens. The overall effect is one of global connectivity and multifaceted knowledge.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

You are about to see a
photograph relating to a current issue ...

Your task is to try and work out what the story is!



You only have **ONE** minute!
Keep your conversations **focused**!



Your next task is to now try and describe what has happened in the news that relates to the picture.

Can you think of three words to describe the event or picture?

Be prepared - you will be asked to explain why you have chosen those words.

You have 2 minutes to think of your words.





*Throwaway
Incentives*

*Obsolescence
Biodiversity*

Can you work out what the words mean from these sentences?

1. New measures have been proposed to help the world move from its **throwaway** culture.
2. The EU want to give **incentives** to manufacturers to make their products last.
3. They also want to decrease instances of 'planned **obsolescence**'.
4. Our global consumption is having huge effects on **biodiversity**.

Definitions (how did you do?)...

- **Throwaway**: products that are intended to be discarded after being used once or a few times; (of a remark) expressed in a casual or understated way.
- **Incentives**: a thing that motivates or encourages someone to do something.
- **Obsolescence**: the process of becoming obsolete or outdated and no longer used.
- **Biodiversity**: the variety of plant and animal life in the world or in a particular habitat, a high level of which is usually considered to be important and desirable.

What is the event that is happening in the news?



The story...

New rules could spell the death of a "throwaway" culture in which products are bought, used briefly, then binned.

The regulations will apply to a range of everyday items such as mobile phones, textiles, electronics, batteries, construction and packaging. They will ensure products are designed and manufactured so they last - and so they're repairable if they go wrong.

It should mean that your phone lasts longer and proves easier to fix. That may be especially true if the display or the battery needs changing.

It's part of a worldwide movement called the Right to Repair, which has spawned citizens' repair workshops in several UK cities. The plan is being presented by the European Commission. It's likely to create standards for the UK, too - even after Brexit. That's because it probably won't be worthwhile for manufacturers to make lower-grade models that can only be sold in Britain.

It's all part of what one green group is calling the most ambitious and comprehensive proposal ever put forward to reduce the environmental and climate impact of the things we use and wear.

Proposals aim at making environmentally-friendly products the norm. It could mean manufacturers using screws to hold parts in place, rather than glue.

Apply your knowledge...

- The next slide you will see shows 4 images unrelated to the story previously discussed.
- Try to form a sentence using the new words for each of the images.
- Now try to form one sentence that uses all four words...





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Is this a positive move?

**Had you heard of 'planned
obsolescence' before?**

Is this a moral issue?

