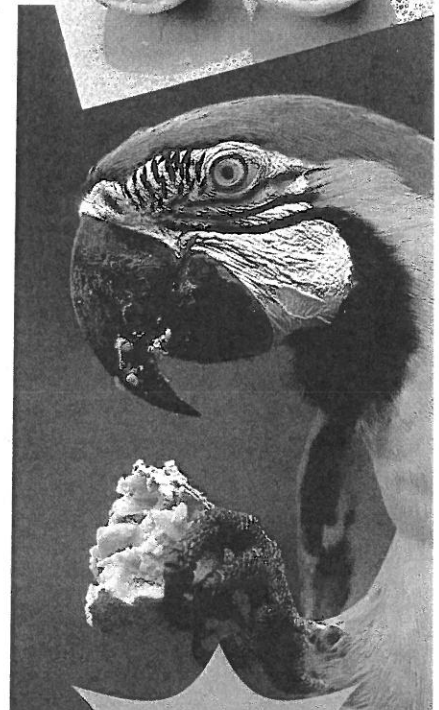
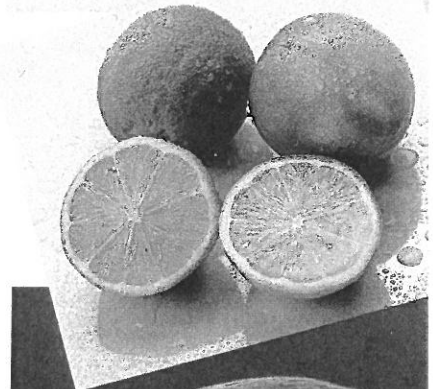
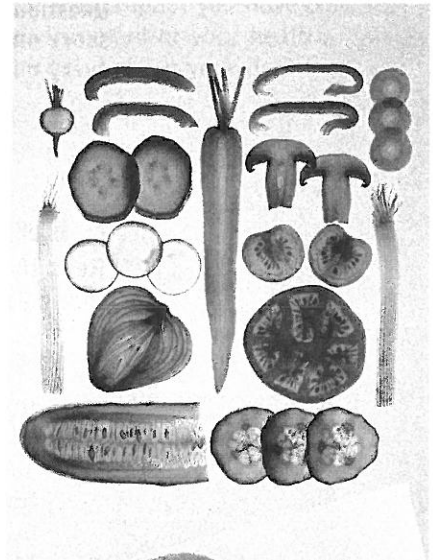


## D. Are you green enough to save our blue planet?

How well informed about the environment are you? Do you know what is good for your own health and well-being? Do you act accordingly? Go through these questions and tick off your answers in the **yes** or **no** box. Do it in pairs.

Yes No

1. Are you willing to pay a little more for organically grown fruit and vegetables?
2. Do you ever go and pick mushrooms and berries?
3. Have you ever seriously considered going vegetarian?
4. Do you have a cycling helmet and wear it?
5. Can you honestly say that you haven't bought anything unnecessary for a fortnight?
6. Are you a member of any organization that is concerned with environmental issues?
7. Do you always wear a sunscreen when you sunbathe?
8. Do you switch off the lights when you leave your room?
9. Do you refuse a plastic carrier bag when shopping?
10. Do you avoid buying aerosols?
11. Do you refuse to use throwaway cups and plates whenever possible?
12. Do you choose recycled paper products if they are available?
13. Do you ever buy second-hand goods?
14. Do you avoid washing dishes under running water?
15. Do you buy refillable containers whenever possible?
16. Do you collect different kinds of household waste in separate containers?
17. Do you return your aluminium cans to be recycled?
18. Do you have broken appliances repaired rather than buy new ones even if it isn't any cheaper?
19. Do you use public transportation rather than drive yourself whenever possible?
20. Would you be willing to pay environment tax?
21. Would you have an exotic parrot or a tortoise as a pet?
22. Would you pamper yourself or your beloved one with a mink coat if you could afford it?
23. Do you enjoy watching clever animals in a circus or dolphinarium?
24. Do you buy cosmetics or toiletries tested on animals?
25. Do you buy foodstuffs that are carefully packed in several layers of foil?



Now check  
your score,  
see next page.

**1 A****GREEN GESTURES**

Eco-friendly habits like choosing public transport over private cars and sorting rubbish into different bins are second nature to some. For others, individual actions like these seem like a drop in the ocean, and hardly worth the effort.

Work in small groups. Take turns reading aloud the statements about habits which have either a positive or a negative impact on the environment. After each statement, pause for a moment and give it

- the thumbs-up if you do it



OR

- the thumbs-down if you don't do it



If you find that your habits differ, give some reasons to explain why.

- 1 I switch off lights and electrical appliances when they aren't in use.
- 2 I carry my own shopping bag with me.
- 3 I sort my waste.
- 4 I borrow books from the library instead of buying them.
- 5 I leave the tap running while brushing my teeth.
- 6 I carefully consider whether I really need something before I buy it.
- 7 I make sure the washing machine has a full load before it's turned on.
- 8 I read my newspaper online instead of subscribing to the print edition.
- 9 I'm a vegetarian.
- 10 I drop litter.
- 11 I buy cosmetics that haven't been tested on animals.
- 12 I buy organic and/or local products instead of imported ones.
- 13 I smoke.
- 14 I prefer taking the train to flying.
- 15 I consider ethical issues when buying products, for example by ensuring that child labour wasn't used in their manufacture.