

DON'T fill in the gap!

Students can look at the sentences below before listening to focus their attention, and after listening to encourage recall. They can write their predictions on the lines on the side, and later check their answers.

From the point of view of retention and learning new language chunks, 'don't fill in the gap' activities can be very effective. They encourage learners to work with and strengthen their oral memory. By writing the words on the side, they are creating a worksheet that allows them to revise language a few days later: they just fold over the right side and recall the missing words. The initials are given to jog their memory!

- 1 There's a growing m_____ aimed at buying less, or nothing at all. _____
- 2 The a_____ North-American consumes five times more than a Mexican. _____
- 3 We are the most *voracious c_____ in the world. _____
- 4 The group behind the ad is urging a b_____ on shopping for the entire holiday season. _____
- 5 The man behind the d_____ is Kalle Lasn, editor in chief of AdBusters Magazine. _____
- 6 They don't like d_____ voices. _____
- 7 Why do you want them to q_____ shopping? _____
- 8 Overconsumption is the m_____ of all our environmental problems. _____
- 9 Every single purchase that you make has some kind of i_____ on the planet. _____
- 10 Overconsumption in the rich countries is one of the r____-c_____ of terrorism. _____
- 11 Our global economic system is now p_____ climate change. _____
- 12 We're living off the b_____ of our own children. _____
- 13 People need to wake up to the ecological, psychological consequences of our *opulent, h_____ lifestyle. _____
- 14 After the 2nd World War we consumed very f_____ _____
- 15 We have a lot more money, but our happiness has not g_____ . _____

Follow-up tasks:

- Who is the pronoun 'they' referring to in sentence 6?
- Choose one of the sentences and extend it with detail / explanation given in the clip.
- Circle the sentences you agree with, put an 'x' next to sentences you disagree with.

*voracious: *greedy, compulsive, uncontrolled*

*opulent: *displaying or having a lot of wealth*