Down by the River

1. Listen to the song and select the correct word.

City life was **putting us**/**gettin' us** down

So we spent the weekend out of town

Pitched the **tent/gent** on the patch of ground

Down by the river

Lit a fire and drank some wine

You put your **jeans/beans** on the top of mine

Said, come in the water's **fine/mine**

Down by the river

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Down by the river

Said, come in the water's fine

Down by the river

Didn't **feel/fall** too good all night

So we took a walk in the morning light

Came across the **strangest/strongest** sight

Down by the river

**Silver/sliver** fish lay on its side

It was washed up by the early tide

I wonder how it **died/lied**

Down by the river

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Silver fish lay on its side

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Doctor put us both to bed

He **dosed/closed** us up and he shook his head

Only **foolish/smart** people go, he said

Down by the river

Why do willows **weep/sleep,** said he

Because they're dying gradually

From the **waste/taste**, from the factories

Down by the river

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Why do willows weep, said he

Down by the river

In time, the river banks will **die/fry**

The reeds will wilt and the ducks won't fly

There'll be a **tear/beer** in the otter's eye

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The banks will soon be **black/back** and dead

And where the otter raised his head

Will be a clean white **stone/bone** instead

Down by the river

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2a. Match the words from the song with their nearest meaning.

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| **Word** | **Meaning** |
| 1. weep | G. rubbish |
| 2. waste | H. crying |
| 3. gradually | C. droop |
| 4. willow | D. unusual |
| 5. strangest | E. tree |
| 6. wilt | F. slowly |

2b. Match the phrasals from the song with their nearest meaning.

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| **Phrasal** | **Meaning** |
| 1. Getting us down | A. The plant life is dying |
| 2. Pitched the tent | B. Why are these trees crying |
| 3. Didn't feel too good | C. He gave us some medicine |
| 4. Silver fish lay on its side | D. An ecological disaster has occurred. |
| 5. Dosed us up | E. Was unwell |
| 6. Why do willows weep | F. Put up a shelter |
| 7. The reeds will wilt | G. The marine life was destroyed |
| 8. The banks will be black and dead | H. We were quite depressed |

3a. Why are the willows crying?

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3b. *The banks will soon be black and dead*. What does this mean?

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3. What happens to the household waste in your country? What happens to the household waste in the UK?

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4. Note down 10 eco-friendly ways to deal with household waste.

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5. Complete the following comparative and superlative sentences using appropriate words.

1. Recycling is better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way to manage waste is to recycle it.
3. Plastic bags are not \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as cloth bags.

1. Design an eco-friendly poster.



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2b. Match the phrasals with their nearest meaning.

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3b. *The banks will soon be black and dead*. Explain this line in your own words.

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Elicit the words ‘recycle, reuse and reduce’

5. Note down 10 eco-friendly ways to deal with household waste.

1. Compost kitchen waste.
2. Reuse glass bottles, jars, envelopes, cardboard boxes.
3. Join [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)
4. Sell ‘waste’ on eBay.
5. Hold a car boot sale.
6. Donate clothes, books to a charity shop.
7. Mend clothes. Don’t throw away your favourite pair of jeans.

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5. Design an eco friendly poster.

