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Alan: Hi, Melanie. What did you think of the assignment that we got today? It looks interesting, doesn't it?

Melanie: Yes, Alan. I've always been interested in recycling, but there's a lot of research to do.

Alan: Yes, there are a lot of things I'm unsure of, so it's going to be good working with you.



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Melanie: Okay. Well, why don't we start by making a flow chart from the notes our Tutor gave us?

Alan: Yes. Um, so on one side, we could have the paper production cycle here on the left and on the other side the recycling.

Melanie: Good idea. Let's start at the top with the production. The first step in the process is to get the raw materials.

Alan: Yes and they tend to come from **Q21 pine forests**.

Melanie: Okay. And then the bark is removed from the outside of the tree and after that, the wood is chopped up. That's the 1st 3 stages.

Alan: It sounds a bit complicated. After that. It says **Q22 water** is added, and then the mixture is heated and made into pope. This will be the thick paste that is used to make paper.

Melanie: Yes, you're right, because after that they use a machine to make the paper. And we can put that right in the center of the flow chart because it's also where the recycled paper joins the process.

Alan: Yes, so once the paper has been produced in the machine, what happens then?

Melanie: Well, I think we should write **Q23 print** as the next step because this is when newspapers, magazines, etc are produced. And we could also add that they have to be distributed to stores and people's homes.

Alan: Right then the recycling bit starts the old papers collected and then it says it's taken somewhere so that someone or something, can **Q24 sort** it. I imagine there are different kinds of paper or things like paper clips that need to be removed.

Melanie: Yes, let's have a step after that. Now, how did tutor say they do this? Oh, yes, it involves chemicals. So how is your chemistry?

Alan: Well, not very good, I'm afraid. But this is how they **Q25 remove ink**. So this is definitely going to need a bit of research.

Melanie: Right. Uh, the last step in the recycling section is similar to the last step in the production process, with heating and pulping before the cycle begins again.

Alan: So I think going through the process is helped. Now we need to decide how we're going to do this assignment.

Melanie: Yes. I guess what we need to do is take the processes and divide them up between us. But we could start thinking about an **Q26 introduction**.

Alan: Yes. Okay, well, I can start doing that. I think I have enough to go one already.

Melanie: Good and there are a few areas where we need a lot more information. I think I'll start with something easy. Let's say the paper collection. I could go to the resource center to do some research.

Alan: Well, I think a better idea would be to approach someone who's involved in the process. What about contacting the **Q27 council**?

Melanie: Oh, good idea. Yes, I'll do that instead. That bound to have some information and I know just the thing to add to our work, to make it even more interesting.

Alan: And what's that?

Melanie: Well, in my last assignment, I added a few pictures and the feedback I got was that this wasn't academic enough. So what might really bring it to life would be to include **Q28 some data** provided we can find some.

Alan: Yes, that sounds excellent. Well, we certainly have a lot to do and not much time to do it in.

Melanie: You're right. I think we have about five weeks. So I suggest we create a plan of work today. The end of the month is nearly three weeks away, and then we have a few days holidays.

Alan: Yes. So let's see if we can get the **Q29 first draft** done by then so we can take a short break.

Melanie: Okay, then after the break, we'll have just over a week to complete it. I wonder if we could get someone to review our work for us a few days before the deadline so we can make some final changes. What about your friend Henry?

Alan: Well, the best person would be our **Q30 tutor**. Henry's very good, but he's taking a whole week's holiday and there won't be enough time when he returns.

Melanie: Okay, then that's fine.

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