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*词汇: repair and recycle 维修和回收再利用*

Have you got any gadgets hanging around your home that you no longer want or use? Between us, we have millions of bits of tech **stockpiled** in drawers that could be given a **new lease of life**.

Part of the problem for our unloved gadgets is that many become **obsolete** quickly because their software doesn't get updated. Other items are left **unused** because they're broken or they've become **superseded** by a fancy new version. Many of these items are **electronics**, but despite them appearing to be **past their sell-by date**, they don't need to end up in **landfill**.

There are several ways to make the most of our unwanted gadgets. **Recycling** is the obvious solution. Materials used to make them can be **extracted** and reused in other things. As an example, Elisabeth Ratcliffe from the Royal Society of Chemistry told the BBC: "There are about thirty different **elements** just in a smartphone, and many of them are very rare." These can be used in touch screens and solar panels.

Probably the best **antidote** to our **throwaway culture** is to **repair** our broken tech. This takes patience and skill, which can be learnt at repair clubs and repair cafés – free meeting places where you'll find **tools** and materials to help you make any **repairs** you need. In the UK, the interest in **mending** our stuff and giving it a new life is reflected by the popularity of a TV series called The Repair Shop, where **craftspeople** rescue and **resurrect** items their owners thought were beyond saving.

A final option for your **discarded** gadgets is to **upcycle** them. You can **breathe new life into** unwanted stuff by **transforming** it into valuable pieces or collectable retro items. These could be sold on, meaning you can make some cash from your **junk** and create much needed space in your home!

## 词汇表

<b>stockpile</b>	囤积
<b>a new lease of life</b>	使用寿命延长
<b>obsolete</b>	废弃的, 淘汰的
<b>unused</b>	闲置的
<b>superseded</b>	被取代
<b>electronics</b>	电子产品
<b>past (their) sell-by date</b>	不再为人所用 (原意: 过了保质期)
<b>landfill</b>	垃圾填埋场
<b>recycling</b>	回收利用
<b>extracted</b>	被提取
<b>element</b>	部件
<b>antidote</b>	缓解办法, 对抗手段
<b>throwaway culture</b>	一次性文化
<b>repair</b>	维修, 修复
<b>tool</b>	工具, 器具
<b>repair (名词)</b>	修理, 修补
<b>mend</b>	修理, 修补
<b>craftspeople</b>	手艺人, 工匠
<b>resurrect</b>	恢复, 重新使用
<b>discarded</b>	废弃的, 丢弃的
<b>upcycle</b>	升级再造, 改造
<b>breathe new life into something</b>	赋予生机, 注入活力
<b>transform</b>	使...大变样
<b>junk</b>	破烂, 垃圾

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What often happens to gadgets when their software is not updated?
2. Where can you get help with repairing your old gadgets?
3. True or false? *Upcycling involves fixing your gadgets so you can use them again.*
4. Which TV programme has proved popular in the UK?
5. What is one benefit of selling your unwanted stuff?

### 2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. A hot cup of tea is the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ to sleepiness in the morning.

breathe new life	fancy	antidote	resurrect
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2. I was so angry when my \_\_\_\_\_ new smartphone was stolen.

fancy	obsolete	tech	discarded
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3. I gave my bike a \_\_\_\_\_ by just oiling the chain and pumping up the tyres!

new life lease	new lease of life	new leasing of life	life lease
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4. After the rock concert, the field was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ bottles and bags – it was a real mess!

junk	landfill	discarded	extracted
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5. Setting up a website and selling its products online has \_\_\_\_\_ the business.

transforming	transform	transforms	transformed
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## 答案

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. What often happens to gadgets when their software is not updated?

**They become obsolete.**

2. Where can you get help with repairing your old gadgets?

**You can join a repair club or visit a repair café.**

3. True or false? *Upcycling involves fixing your gadgets so you can use them again.*

**False. Upcycling involves turning items into something different.**

4. Which TV programme has proved popular in the UK?

**The Repair Shop has been a popular TV programme in the UK.**

5. What is one benefit of selling your unwanted stuff?

**Selling your unwanted stuff makes you money and creates space in your home.**

### 2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. A hot cup of tea is the perfect **antidote** to sleepiness in the morning.

2. I was so angry when my **fancy** new smartphone was stolen.

3. I gave my bike a **new lease of life** by just oiling the chain and pumping up the tyres!

4. After the rock concert, the field was filled with **discarded** bottles and bags – it was a real mess!

5. Setting up a website and selling its products online has **transformed** the business.