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# Green IT for planet Earth

-Tim, how could you? Said Anne to her twin brother, Tim.

-What did I do? Asked Tim in surprise.

-You turned off my computer! Haven't I told you I need it to be open all day?

-But why?

-What if my friend sends me a message and I don't see it on time? You never understand me! What could be more important than that?

Tim stayed silent. His sister was always leaving her computer and phone on, so that she can keep in touch with her friends. However, at their school, they had been taught that they should turn off all appliances when not in use. Anne never turned off lights or machines, and he was trying to make her see how harmful what she was doing was to the environment.

-But, don't you remember what our teachers say?

-What, all these weird things about Green IT and that? I don't even understand what this means. How can technology be "green".

-How about I show you? Let's do some more research on that! Now we need your computer. What do you think?

-Whatever, sighed Anne, let's just get this over with.

Anne turned on her computer again and sat next to Tim.

-Go ahead! She told him, uninterested.

Tim found an article and started explaining it to his sister.

-First of all, as you can see, Green IT is the study of manufacturing, operating and throwing away electronic devices in an environmentally friendly manner. So that is exactly the opposite of what you do.

-I still don't get it! She told him, annoyed. It's not that challenging to turn off a device or recycle it, is it? Then what's so important about Green IT?

-That's exactly the problem! People consider it so simple, that they don't even try to do it!

-That makes no sen--

-Kids! Will you please be quiet? Come upstairs so we can talk for a moment? It was the twins' mother.



Tim was ready to exit Anne's room, but before he got up from his chair he closed her computer.

-Didn't I tell you not to do this? She told him, mad.

She got up quickly and tried to walk towards him but her foot caught on her phone's charger. As she moved her leg away, her phone was pulled off the table by the charger. Falling onto the hard ground from the tall table, its screen was shattered when Anne picked it up. It wasn't turning on.

-oh no my phone! She told irritated, to herself. My phone is broken and you are responsible for it!

When Tim heard his sister, who was crying continuously, telling him that he is responsible for it, he felt absolutely glad... Why? because he have a fabulous idea! immediately he came back to her sister and he told her excited:

Your right, Anne. I am so sorry for your phone, -but I'll pay it back. I can help you with your project, which have assigned our teacher last week! said Tim very sneakily.

Ok, Tim we're quits now. So what does the topic of the project ? Said Anne very scornfully, though she knowed the topic.

The topic is " ELECTRONIC RECYCLING" So... Tim stopped speaking and made a suggestion to Anne. Can we recycle your ... your phone? said Tim reluctant to her sister. Anne didn't spoke for some minutes, because she was thinking about the suggestion. The next minute she told Tim quietly:

I don't understand why you think that electronic recycling is important. My phone is absolutely good and I disagree to recycling it! said Anne pissed. and then she said to her brother to go away. Tim had no idea what he can did to solve the problem, so he went to his room and started think about a solution .

While Tim was thinking of a good solution to persuade her sister , Anne , he came across a website article that fascinated him ; the article's topic was the detrimental effects of pollution which were described in a sublime manner .

-This article could change Ann's perspective on Green IT by explaining to her that it is a topic/problem as crucial as global warming provided that Anne has a keen interest in global problems,said Tim with a slight sign of delight knowing that he would finally convince his sister on the subject.Whilst Tim was struggling to find the solution to his situation , he stumbled across a leaflet that stood outside of Anne's room that left him totally speechless ; an invitation on a Green IT Technology campaign made by a group of students .

- Why is this leaflet outside my sister's room wondered Tim , questioning the connection between Anne and these events that he did not know of .

When Tim found the leaflet, he wanted to talk with Anne.

-Anne, why is there a leaflet outside your room?

-Well, I wanted to go because we talked about it, and I wanted to know a little more.

-Oh, that's very smart of you. I knew you will think about it.

-Of course you knew, still we are twins.

-Can we discuss one more time about recycling your phone?

-I think we can. I feel like I know more and I feel more mature.

So they sat down and talked about it for a long time...

After a serious conversation with Tim, Anne decided to recycle her phone anyway.

-After all, I think it's a good idea to recycle my phone.

-Good- said Tim – So I did teach you something.

-So, where do we take my phone?

-I'm not really sure, teacher was said that there are some companies that do this kind of stuff.

-Does that mean we must check it online?

-Yes, turn on the computer. Oh it's on like always because it's yours.

-Ha ha! Good one. So let's go look up!

After some time and research, Tim and Anne found a website of a company called Spectra-Media. They found out that the company has a free phone number to call if you have some electronic waste. So they called...



-Hello! Is that Spectra-Media?

-It is. Do you need any help?

-Yes. My cell phone fell from the table and I would like to recycle it. Can I recycle it in your company?

-Sure, we don't have much costumers that are coming here to recycle.

-Great! So we are not going to wait long, are we?

-No. You just have to come to us and we will take it and recycle it.

-OK! We will come here soon.

-We are glad that you will come. Not everyone takes care of the environment. Bye!

-Bye!

After they called that number, they headed to the Spectra-Media company.

-Hello, we just called a few hours ago.

-Oh, hi! Yes, I remember, you called because you wanted to recycle your phone?

-Yes, my brother and I called your number.

-So, tell me, what's wrong with your cell phone?

-It fell from the table and it can't turn on again, and also the screen is broken.

-Oh no, that's terrible!

-If you can fix it, then I wouldn't have to recycle it. Can you do something about it?

-I think I can't fix it, but I know one service that is good at repairing all kind of electronic devices.

-Ok, which service is it?

-MS Electronic. They are very good at their job.

-OK, I think that I'm going to visit them.

- Thank you for coming here, I'm sorry that we can't fix it, but don't worry, I think your phone will be great!
- No problem! We hope that we will see you again next time!
- I hope too. See ya!
- Bye!

Tim and Anne went to the MS Electronic Company the next day. Anne asked the attendant:

- My phone's screen is broken. Can you fix it?
- Yeah, we can fix it. When your electronic devices become corrupted, consider first repairing them. If it cannot be repaired, you can send them for recycling. We don't throw away electronic devices when they're broken. Instead of buying a new device, we can repair and use the old one. Electronic devices that cannot be repaired should be sent for recycling. In this way, we protect our world. This is very important for Green IT.

Anne and Tim were very pleased that the phone would be repaired. Green IT had to face them again. Anne now understood the importance of Green IT.

Anne and Tim are back home.



Anne:

- I don't know enough about the proper use of electronic devices. I think a lot of my friends think like me. I think we should make an attempt.

Tim:

- You're right, Anne. We can establish a "Green IT" club at school. So we can inform our friends about Green IT.

Two days later, Anne was already becoming aware of the big problem with recycling and the great Green IT project at her school and her friends. Soon, they approached the company to see how their broken cell phone was going.

At the exit there was a group of young people in an electric car.

They got off, and saw Anne; At first she did not understand why they were getting closer, but she thought they were friends with her brother.

They greeted each other (they had not seen each other for a long time), then they started talking about the studios (they were a lot older than Tim).

They had told that they were computer scientists, and that they loved to recycle and carry out the "Green IT" project.

This did not sound very good to Anne, but it could be an opportunity to ask them what they thought of their mobile, just to have a better opinion.



They said that the most convenient thing for her and for the environment was to recycle it and buy a new one that was more ecological.

Anne was a little surprised by the answer, but she thanked them for the opinion.