

Extra it

We can use **it** as a preparatory object after certain verbs and where the actual object of the verb is a clause or an infinitive:

- **hate/like/love + it + when/that clause:**
*I **hate it when** my sister runs the washing machine with half a load of laundry – it's such a waste of water and energy!*
*Robert **doesn't like it that** cycle lanes in our city are not continuous and are often interrupted by bus stops.*
*I absolutely **love it that** since 2010 a large part of the town centre has been closed to motorised vehicles.*
- **would appreciate + it + if clause:**
*We **would appreciate it if** you started sorting your rubbish into recyclable materials and general waste.*
*A lot of people in our city **would appreciate it if** the local authorities made more effort to reduce traffic congestion in the city centre.*
- **leave/owe + it + to sb + to + infinitive:**
*We can't **leave it to politicians to solve** the world's environmental problems.*
*We **owe it to future generations to ensure** we spend enough tax money on green energy alternatives.*
- **consider/find/think + it + adjective/noun/prepositional phrase + that clause/to + infinitive:**
*I **consider it a necessity that** children learn about the environment by interacting with it from an early age. (noun + that clause)*
*I **find it hard to accept** that neither politicians nor environmentalists can be relied upon to fight climate change. (adjective + to + infinitive)*
*We **thought it strange that** a leaflet promoting recycling was not printed on recycled paper. (adjective + that clause)*
- **take + it + that clause with the meaning of assume that:**
*I **take it that** they won't demolish the building until they gain planning permission from the city council.*
*We **take it that** the next step is to ensure that all the changes to the manufacturing process are environmentally friendly.*

1 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- We owe it to ourselves and the next generations protecting the environment against further degradation.
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- We would appreciate it when the local community took more interest and participated in environmental projects.
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- Some large corporations and small companies don't really find it easy follow recycling laws and regulations.
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- The meeting's participants agreed to leave to the environmental commission to decide how to bring water pollution under stricter control.
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2 Complete the second sentence using the word in capitals so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between three and six words in each gap.

- Could you display a 'Vote Green Party' poster in your window? We'd be very grateful. **APPRECIATE**
 We _____ a 'Vote Green Party' poster in your window.
- I am of the opinion that banning traffic in city centres is unnecessary. **THINK**
 I _____ traffic in city centres.
- The council should be responsible for keeping the beaches in our area clean. **LEAVE**
 We should _____ keep the beaches in our area clean.
- Accepting that our recycling scheme has failed to gain the support of the local authorities is difficult for us. **FIND**
 We _____ our recycling scheme has failed to gain the support of the local authorities.
- I can't stand people throwing rubbish in the street or out of car windows. **HATE**
 I _____ rubbish in the street or out of car windows.
- We assume that the environmental committee will address the use of energy, raw materials and water waste. **TAKE**
 We _____ the environmental committee will address the use of energy, raw materials and water waste.
- In my opinion, expanding a business during an economic recession is risky. **CONSIDER**
 I _____ a business during an economic recession.