1 Read and mark (✗) the word that is <u>not</u> a synonym for trash.

☐ refuse   ☐ rubbish   ☐ **waste**   ☐ downsides   ☐ garbage

Rubbish Collectors

This rubbish truck is depositing trash at a dump.

Every day, millions of workers help us **stay** safe and healthy. Some of those workers help us by making our environment safe. They remove trash and **hazardous** waste from our homes and streets. They are our rubbish collectors.

Rubbish collectors take our trash to huge collection areas called *dumps*. Garbage in our homes or on our streets can make us very sick. Our rubbish collectors protect us by removing dangerous waste so that we can live safely.

Collecting garbage is not an easy job. Trash can be heavy, so rubbish collectors need to be **fit**. They also need to learn a lot about recycling and removing hazardous waste. The garbage truck drivers need to be very good drivers because streets can be **narrow** or busy.

It's important to recognise and thank all the people who make our lives better. The next time you see your rubbish collectors, say thank you!

2 Read and circle *T* (True) or *F* (False).

1. Rubbish collectors keep our environment safe.	Ⓣ	F
2. Trash in our homes can make us sick.	T	F
3. Being near hazardous waste is safe and healthy.	T	F
4. Rubbish collectors don't remove rubbish.	T	F
5. Rubbish trucks deposit trash at dumps.	T	F
6. Collecting garbage is an easy job.	T	F
7. It's important to thank people who help us.	T	F

Ⓖuess What!
In the UK, rubbish collectors are usually called *refuse collectors*.

Ⓖlossary

waste: unwanted materials or substances

stay: continue to be; remain

hazardous: toxic or dangerous substances

fit: strong and healthy

narrow: not wide