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Class: _____ Date: _____

Polite Correction

An activity of "When recycling is dangerous".

Read "When recycling is dangerous" (page 9, *What's Up* April 2024). Then, pretend that your school has invited the director of a shipbreaking company to talk about recycling. He describes how his company benefits the environment, shipowners, and his workers. But, you know that some of the things he says are untrue.

1. Based on the *What's Up* story, bring out the truths very politely.

Director: Old ships are brought to my company, and we do shipbreaking cheaply for the shipowners. We save cost by breaking the ship directly on the beach. Other companies charge more than us because they lug the whole ship to concrete yards. What a waste of effort and money!

My response: _____

Director: I give my workers very simple jobs. They don't need to be trained first. I also do not make them wear cumbersome protective gear such as thick gloves and jackets. The weather is so hot and wearing these gets in the way. That is why my workers enjoy working in my company because it is much easier than working at construction sites.

My response: _____

Director: I heard that the Hong Kong Convention will come into effect in June 2025. I don't think I need to pay much attention to it since it will not affect my company.

My response: _____

2. In pairs, share your responses and give each other feedback.

- Was the information in your partner's responses accurate?
- Was it expressed in a very polite way?
- How can both you and your partner's responses be improved?