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(Li enters and throws lots of rubbish in a dustbin.)

Li: There we go.

Chris: Whoa, whoa, whoa! What are you doing?

Li: Well, I'm putting this rubbish in the bin. Can't you see?

Chris: That's not very environmentally-friendly!

Li: **Environmentally-friendly?** 有利环保的? Are you serious?

Chris: Yes, you should recycle that.

Li: **Recycle?** 回收利用? How do I recycle all of this?

Chris: You can separate the items and put them into recycling bins. That way they can be collected and reused.

Li: Ah, alright. Can you help me?

Chris: Sure. OK, metals - for example, cans - go here. Paper and card go here, plastics here, and glass here.

Li: OK, let's get to work.

(Li and Chris separate the items.)

Li: Ha, all sorted, thank you.

Chris: Oh look, something else - glass.

Li: Oh, of course - glass.

Rosie: Ooh... you guys look busy.

(She lazily throws her can on the floor and walks away.)

Li: Hey, hey! You should recycle this!

Chris: Oh, don't waste your breath – she won't listen to you.

Li: **Don't waste your breath!** 别浪费你的口舌了! Cool phrase! And here is how you use it:

Examples

Chris: No way, you can't persuade me – you're just wasting your breath.

Li: Don't waste your breath talking to Diane, she won't take any notice.

Chris: Ooh look, someone has thrown away a pair of headphones. I need a pair of those. Waste not, want not!

Li: **Waste not, want not.** 不浪费，不愁缺?

Chris: Yes, that's right – don't waste things, as you might want them again in the future.

Li: Pfft! You do talk rubbish sometimes!

Chris: Huh?!

Vocabulary

environmentally-friendly	有利环保的
recycle	回收利用
don't waste your breath	别浪费你的口舌了
waste not, want not	不浪费，不愁缺