**Writing a summary**

**Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (Approximately 50 words)**

Visitors to Japan often wonder where all the bins have gone. In a country with innumerable vending machines there’s often nowhere to put one’s wrappers or empty bottles.

I was born in Tokyo and have always lived here, so it doesn´t come as a surprise to me. There isn’t one main reason why our fair city has so few places to dump your trash – rather, it’s a culmination of factors. Our stringent recycling system (combustibles, non-combustibles, cans, PET bottles, plastics...) means we would need bins for all different types of waste, and pray that people actually use them properly. Moreover, the different types of waste are collected on different days of the week depending on where you live, plus the waste classification system itself may differ from ward to ward.

Other than that, as in other big cities, a number of bins in public places were removed after the 1995 sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway to lessen their possible use in terrorist attacks. So for now, if you are out on the streets, do as Tokyoites do and just carry your rubbish with you until you can dispose of it properly at home. Whatever you do, don’t drop it on the floor – Tokyoites are proud of the city’s litter-free streets.

If you walk your dog in a Japanese city, it gets even more complex. Dog owners have to take dog waste home and flush it down the toilet: A paper bag inside a plastic bag makes that an easier prospect.

If you really, really can't wait to get rid of your trash, try a convenience store, but don't go too crazy. Most stores will have a sign asking you to refrain from dumping your home waste. So to make your life easier, keep it to a minimum, and of course, sort it properly for some extra good tourist points.

