



Recycling Match-Up



Students will learn what should and should not be recycled, and that many items may be re-used before they are recycled or put in the trash.

BACKGROUND:

Some items that people throw in the trash like plastic will be in the landfills forever. Landfills are filling up with items that could have been reused or recycled. Recycling and reusing will reduce the amount of trash in our landfills, using less energy and preserves natural resources. Reusing will extend the life of an item.

MATERIALS:

- Recycling Match-Up Sheet (next page)

PROCEDURE:

- Print out the Activity sheet.
- Go over each item with children. Which items do they think are trash? Which are recyclable?
- Have students use one crayon color (e.g. **blue**) to draw a circle around the items they think are recyclable. Then have them do the same with a different color (e.g. **red**) to items they think are trash.
- Go over each item with and discuss the results. Focus on the recycle items.
- Ask if any of the items could have been reused and what they could they be used for.



CONCLUSION:

Our actions can affect the environment positively as well as negatively. When you throw recyclable items in the trash, they can sit in a landfill for thousands of years! Learning which items can be recycled or reused helps prevent waste. After completing this activity, have a discussion as a family about ways you can reuse egg cartons, plastic bottles or other items you find around the house.

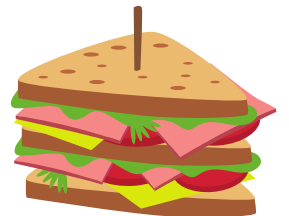
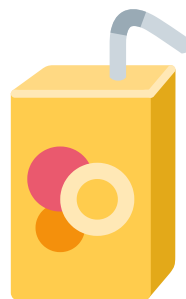
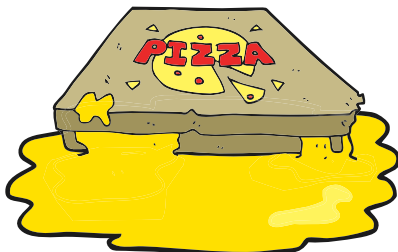
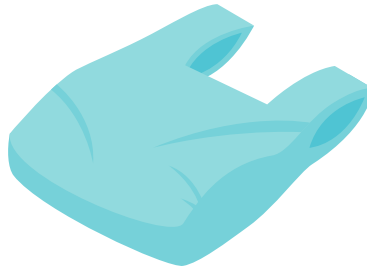
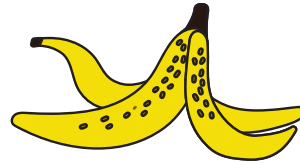
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Trash items:

- Dirty paper plates and pizza box's, although cardboard, are contaminated and therefore cannot be recycled.
- Food Items cannot be recycled. Candy wrappers and chip bags cannot be recycled