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What mistakes do people make when recycling?

Activity for Years 5 and 6

Investigate 4 things that people **get wrong when recycling**

This could be:

- Throwing something away in the rubbish bin that could be recycled
- Putting something that can't be recycled in the recycling
- Not cleaning dirty recycling
- Forgetting to recycle something from the bathroom or bedroom

What is it?	Can it be recycled?	What bin should it go in?	Who got it wrong?	What did they do wrong?
<i>Coleslaw tub</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Blue bin (recycling)</i>	<i>My Dad</i>	<i>Didn't wash it before recycling</i>

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Choose 1 thing that **doesn't always get recycled**, and come up with a plan to make sure everyone always remembers.

What is it? (Describe it in words)

How will you get everyone to recycle?

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Activity for Years 5 and 6

Draw your idea

CROSSWORD ACTIVITY SHEET

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Aluminium

Plastic

Scrunch

Environment

Wash

Recyclable

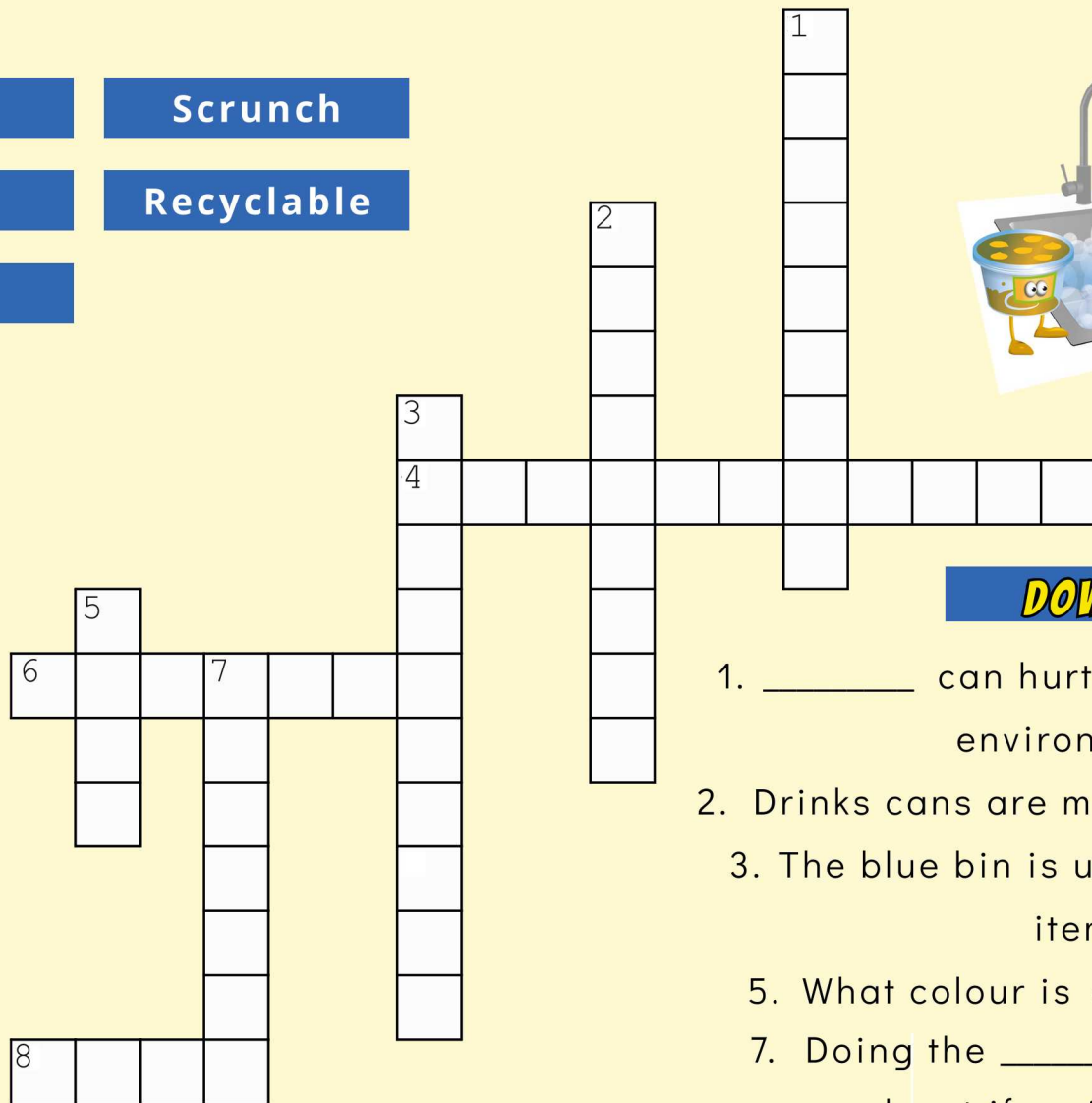
Littering

Blue

ACROSS

4. Recycling helps protect the _____
6. _____ bottles can be recycled
8. We should _____ items to avoid contamination

*The Scrunch Test – Scrunch your wrappers into a ball, if they remain in a ball they can be recycled and placed in the blue bin. If they pop open, they cannot be recycled and will need to go in the black bin.



DOWN

1. _____ can hurt animals and the environment.
2. Drinks cans are made from _____
3. The blue bin is used for _____ items
5. What colour is our recycling bin?
7. Doing the _____ test can help you work out if an item is recyclable.



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WASTE HIERARCHY

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The waste hierarchy is an important way of reducing the amount of rubbish we send to landfill. Check out some examples of rubbish you might have and work out using the waste hierarchy what you should do to prevent your rubbish going to landfill.



A PLASTIC BOTTLE

REDUCE

Do you need this bottle? Can you make do with the one you already have?

REUSE

If you don't need it anymore, can you reuse it? Maybe turn it into a bird feeder?

RECYCLE


If you no longer want your bottle, recycle it, so it can be turned into a new item.

LANDFILL

Your bottle shouldn't need to go to landfill, it can be reduced/reused or recycled.

THE WASTE HIERARCHY

Reduce - Do you need it?
Reuse - Can you reuse it?
Repair - Can it be repaired?
Recycle - Can it be recycled?
Landfill - Is landfill the best place for this?

ALUMINIUM CAN

REDUCE

Do you need to purchase a can? Can you use a reusable bottle instead?

REUSE/REPAIR

If you no longer want your can, reuse it and turn it into a fun game such as tin can alley.

RECYCLE

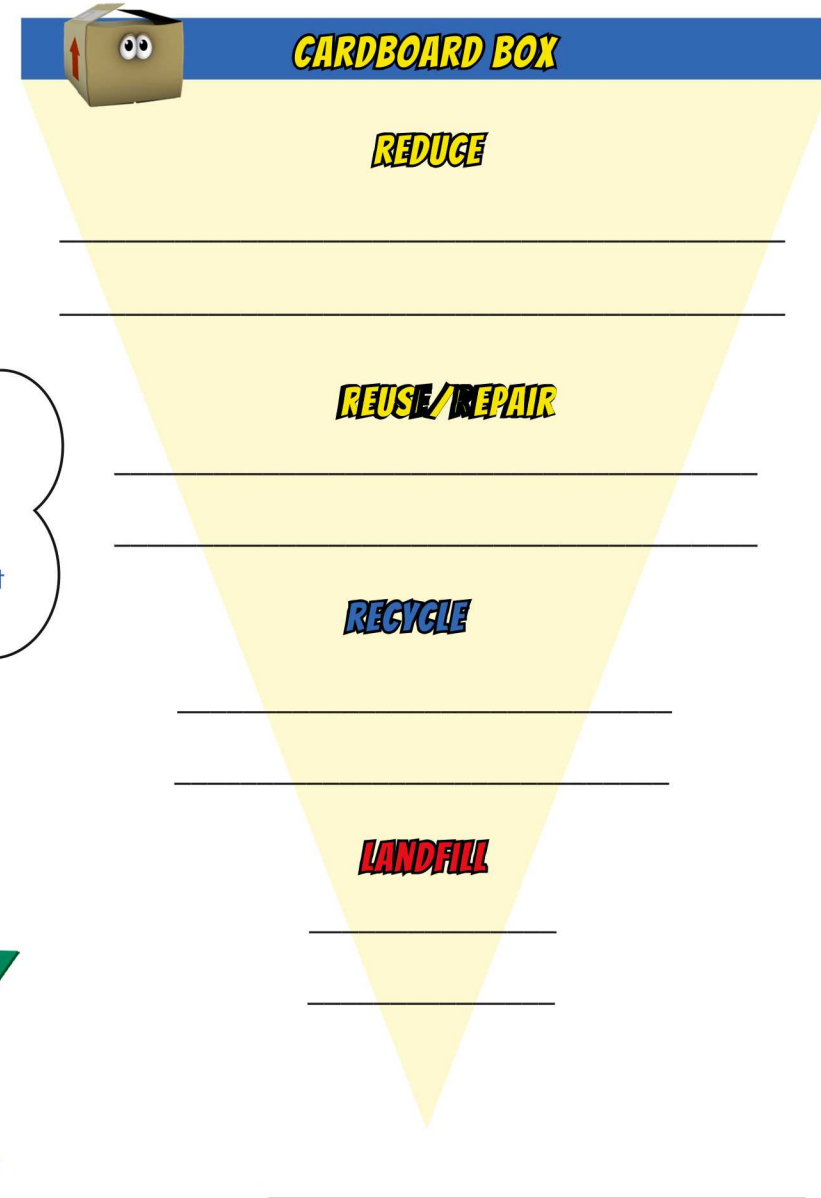
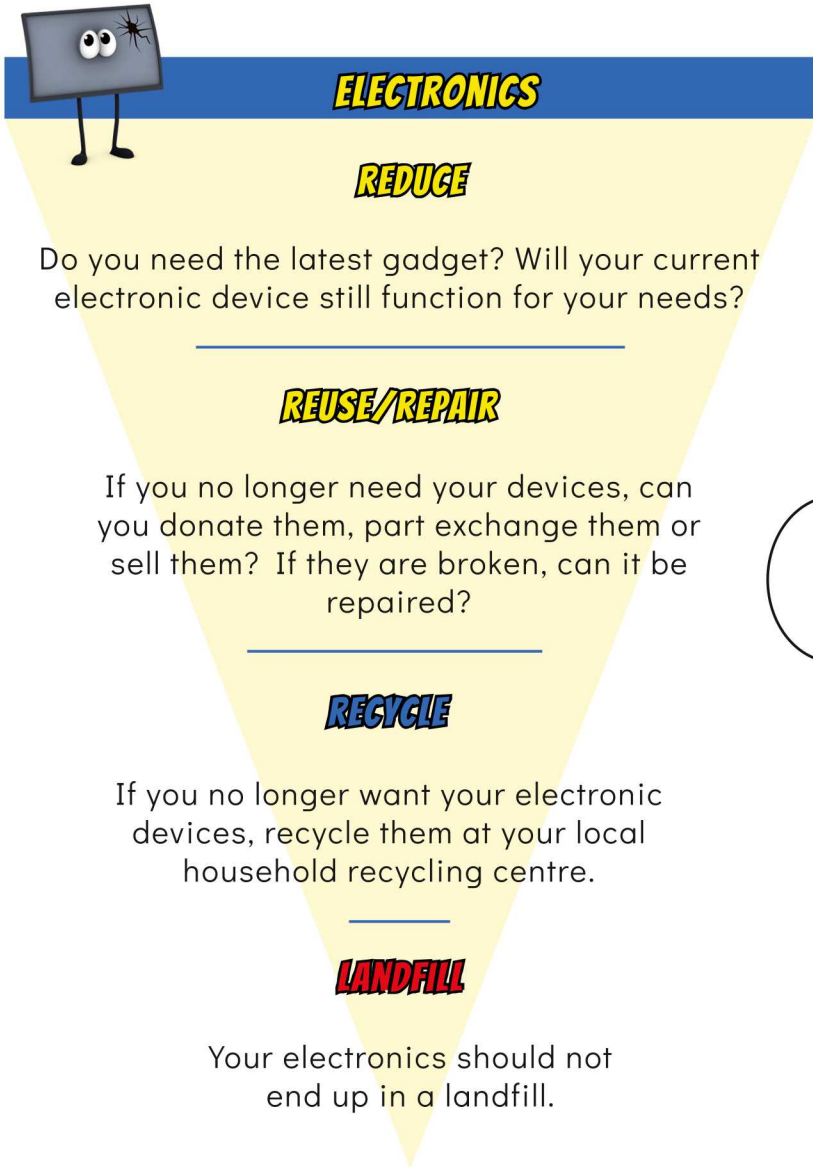
If you no longer want your can, recycle it, so it can be turned into new objects.

LANDFILL

Your cans should not end up in a landfill.

Here are another two more examples of waste hierachy.

Now see if you can complete this



Using our examples below, have a go at filling in this waste hierarchy?

Name your waste here
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R.....

R..... **R**.....

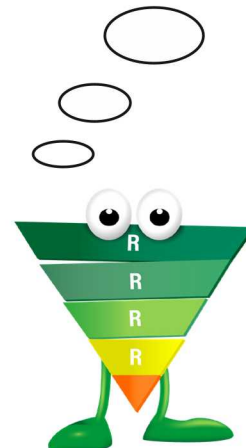
R.....

L.....

MAKE YOUR OWN WASTE HIERARCHY

Pick two items and complete the following waste hierarchy.

Here are some suggestions to inspire you:
Clothes
Paper
Crisp packet



Name your waste here
.....

R.....

R..... **R**.....

R.....

L.....

WHAT IS THE DECOMPOSITION TIME SCALE?

The decomposition time scale is a visual way to see how long it takes our rubbish to break down.

When we throw things in our black bin, the rubbish ends up in a landfill, which then slowly breakdown, and can harm the environment.

So, take a look to the right, you will see a number of rubbish items, cut them out, and then place them on the next page.

How long do you think this rubbish will take to decompose?

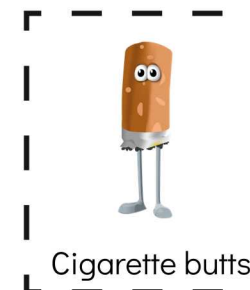
Batteries are made of metal and are full of harmful chemicals that can cause harm if released to the environment and it can take millions of years for them to decompose.



Tin cans



Crisp packets



Cigarette butts



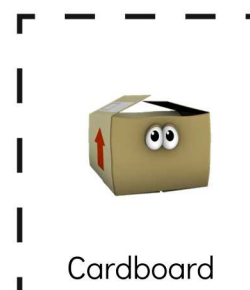
Aluminium cans



Food waste



Woollen clothing



Cardboard



Glass bottles and jars

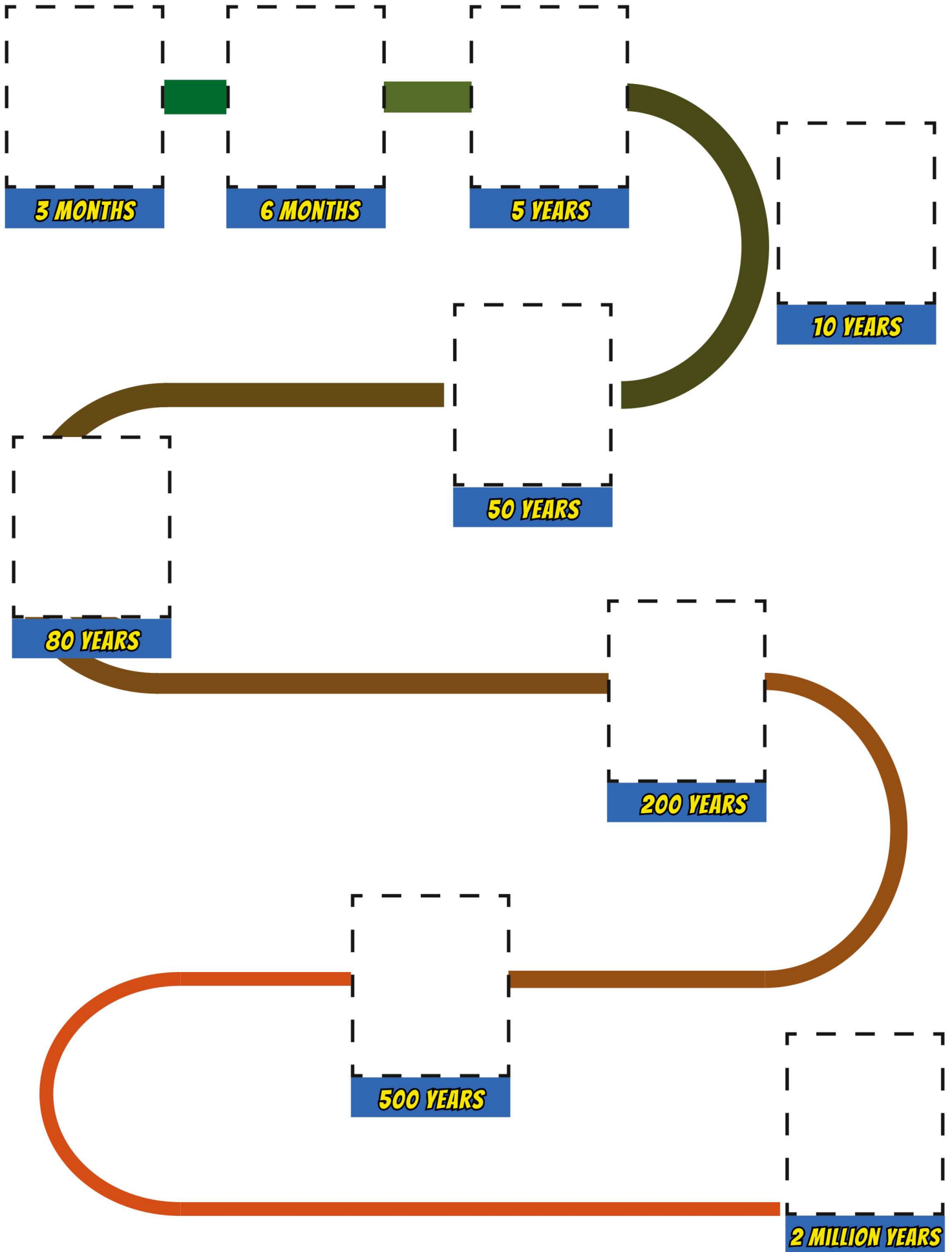


Yoghurt pot

WITH THE HELP FROM AN ADULT, CUT OUT THE RUBBISH ABOVE, BY CUTTING AROUND THE DOTTED LINES, AND STICK ONTO THE TIMELINE

TIME TO WASTE TIMELINE

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