

Waste Riddles

Objectives

- Learn what common household items and food waste belong in the recycle bin, trash can and compost bin
 - Identify and sort waste into 3 categories;
 1. Recycle
 2. Trash
 3. Compost
 - Improve recycling skills and knowledge
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Vocabulary

Recycle

Trash

Compost

Waste

Overview

Waste is something that is no longer useful to us. We commonly associate the word waste with trash but waste can have different meanings. Recyclables and compost can also be referred to as waste but this is waste that can be turned into something new. Trash is defined as something that has no further use and cannot be turned into something new.

Directions

1. Cut out 12 pictures and lay them out face up.
2. Read each waste riddle and find the picture that answers the riddle.
3. Glue or tape each answer in the correct bin on the worksheet provided.

Cut out each answer picture along the dotted lines. Lay them face up as the read and answer the riddles.



Read and answer each riddle. Then glue the answers to the correct bin on the worksheet provided.

1. My favorite season is Fall because I always get to show my colors. Red, yellow or brown I float to the ground. I will become food for worms and help plants grow. I belong in the compost pile.
2. Most people don't know I'm made from sand. I'm smooth to the touch when held in your hand. I can be found in your fridge holding your favorite food. Salsa, jelly or pasta sauce depending on your mood. I belong in the recycle bin.
3. Sometimes people think I'm recyclable but actually I'm not. Would you recycle something that was used to wipe your snot? Even if I'm clean I'm too thin to recycle. I belong in the trash so always be mindful.
4. I help you see in the dark but if I break I can be sharp. I may be made of glass and metal but in the recycle I should never settle. After my last flash, I belong in the trash.
5. Scrambled, sunnyside or over easy. Plain, with salsa or extra cheesy. You eat the inside not the outside, you can save that for your compost pile. Everyday the worms will thank you for keeping them healthy and making them smile. Adding me to your compost pile is an egg-celant idea!
6. I'm made of aluminum, steel or tin and very valuable for your recycle bin. I can be used over and over again and my recyclability has no end. Recycling me can help save the earth which adds to how much I'm worth. I always belong in the recycle bin.
7. Now most people think I can be recycled but my different parts can make it confusing. So, listen close don't be snoozin' it all ends up in the trash after using. My bottom is paper my top is plastic and if you can refuse the straw that would be fantastic. But if you need the straw that's fine, just make sure to follow this guideline. All three of my parts are trash!
8. In the garden we grow, on your plate we sit, in the compost we go if you don't finish it. Worms and bugs will eat us and make the soil healthy. Watch out for rats, they can be stealthy! For if you compost the wrong foods, like milk and cheese and meat, the pile will start to smell like dirty stinky feet. Make sure to only compost these types of foods!
9. I come in all shapes, sizes and colors and am accepted by all recycle haulers. Now some people say I'm bad but that always makes me sad. Using less of me is ok but just make sure to recycle me at the end of every day. I only end up in the ocean if you put me there yourself. If I get recycled the right way I'll end up back on the shelf! I am very valuable in the recycle bin.

10. My favorite food is pizza but it makes this very tricky. I can only be recycled if I'm clean and never sticky. You may get me in the mail or in the store on sale. You can turn me into a space ship, a house or a castle. Just remember to recycle me if it's not too much of a hassle. I am only recycled when I am clean!
11. I used to be a tree but I was destined for other things. Like helping you become an artist or a writer or a king. You need me to learn, to achieve and to succeed. Together we have become the most important team. You use me for pictures, notes and tests for all of which I am truly blessed. I belong in the recycle bin.
12. I'm the most important of them all so listen up and stand up tall. I'm made of plastic yes, it's true but that doesn't mean you recycle me too. I blow away and get stuck in trees I can end up down the street with the slightest breeze. Every store has a take back bin but if I end up in the trash, I'll take it as a win! At home I never go in the recycle bin, I am always trash!

