

Follow the birds
Jasmine, Pablo, Lola,
and Michael as they
Reduce, Reuse,
Compost, and Recycle!





Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Compost

Learn these words and what they mean, and you can help keep the planet healthy and clean.

REDUCE

Reduce means make less trash.

How do you do that? Ask for only what you need at the store. Don't get extras because you might just throw them away.

Buy only what you need and not any more.
Use it all up before going back to the store.

REUSE

Reuse means use something again instead of throwing it away.

For example, you could wash out an empty jelly jar and use it as a piggy bank.

You could also give your toys or clothes to a younger friend after you don't need them anymore.

Glass, metal, and plastic, can be reused again. I made a plastic jar into a piggy bank for my friend.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Compost

Recycling is easy, just look for your family's bin.
Grab your used paper and plastic and toss it right in.

RECYCLE

Recycling means protecting the planet by making sure stuff that can be made into new stuff doesn't end up in the garbage.

Did you know a lot of things can be made from old paper, plastic bottles, cans, and glass jars when you send them to a recycling facility?

COMPOST

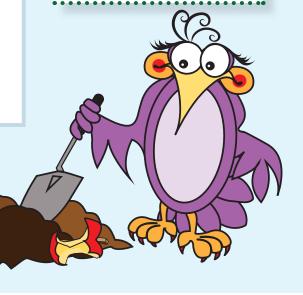
Compost means nature's fertilizer.

Stuff from the kitchen that you don't eat, like banana peels, apple cores, and coffee grounds, are good for compost. So are grass clippings and leaves.

All of this combines to put nutrients in the soil to help your garden or other plants grow better. For fun you can add worms to the compost to stir up the good things plants need.



Ask an adult to help set up a compost pile, and you'll have healthy soil after a short while.



Smart Shoppers

Circle one of each item from below, but there's one thing to know:

it must have the recycling symbol to win, and make sure it ends up in a recycling bin.

Look for the symbol before putting it in Pablo's cart, because then you are really shopping smart!



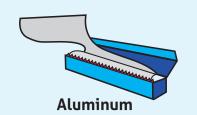
Michael's Recycle Word Search

Find the words before recyclables get tossed.
Look diagonally, down, and across.

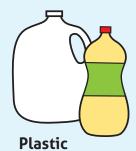


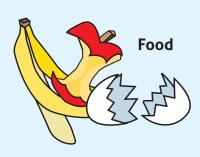




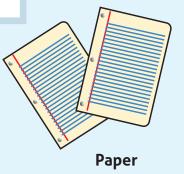














Lola's Secret Message

Do the math in the blanks below and find out what the message shows!

My coded message is about an activity I do. Maybe it's something you'll like too!



$$6 - 1 = Y$$

$$\Delta + 2 = K$$

$$2 + 6 = E$$

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Recycling Crossword Challenge

Write the correct word in the numbered clues. Put those letters in the crossword and you cannot lose!

	Milk jugs, water bottles, and laundry soap contain can be recycled and made into many di			5.		
	When you, you help make your commucleaner and safer.	nity				
	Instead of throwing them away, unwanted clothing and toys for			5	6	
	others to use.		4			
	Pickles can be bought in jars.		7			
	For a cleaner, reduce, reuse, and recycle today!					
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	When we recycle, we help save trees.					
	When you egg shells, coffee grounds, vegetable scraps, and yard clippings you create new soil.					
	When we drink from a glass instead of a paper		WORD LIST			
	cup, we the amount of waste produced.	sort	plastic	donate		
	Tin, aluminum, and copper are different types	paper	recycle	compost		
	of that can be recycled.	metal	reused	tomorrow		
	Glass jars and plastic containers can be in your playroom.	reduce	glass			

Connect the Dots and Color

Pablo is helping and you can, too.

Connect the dots to find out what to do.



Earth Crossword Puzzle



Jasmine is busy with this crossword. See if you can help this puzzled bird.



Across

- 1 Grass is ______.
- 3 Great to drink when you are thirsty.
- 6 Power.

Down

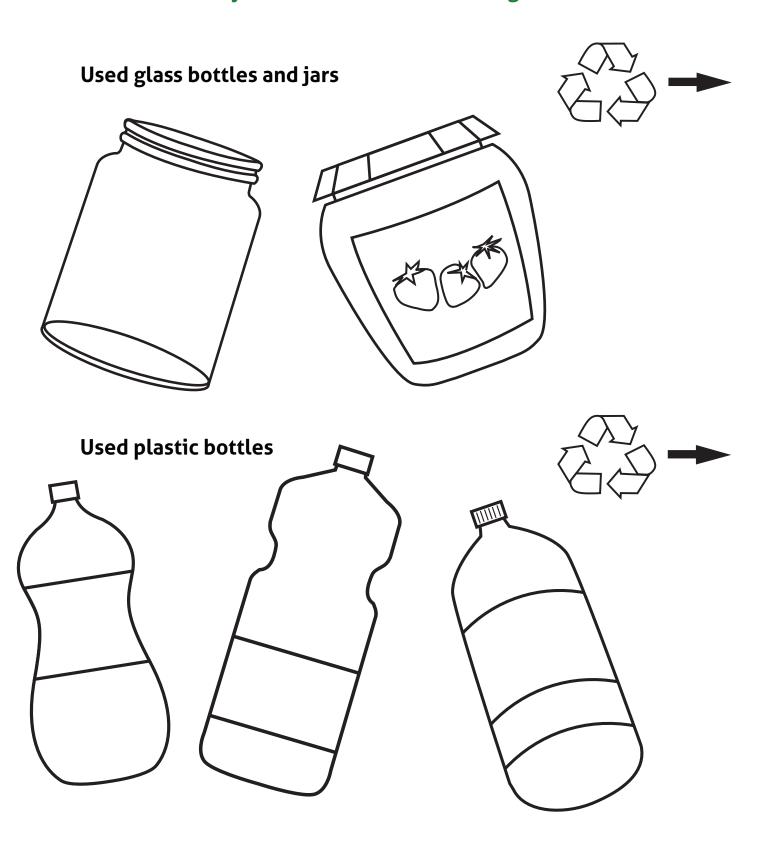
- 2 Shines in the sky and is a source of energy.
- Our planet.
- 6 What we do with cans.

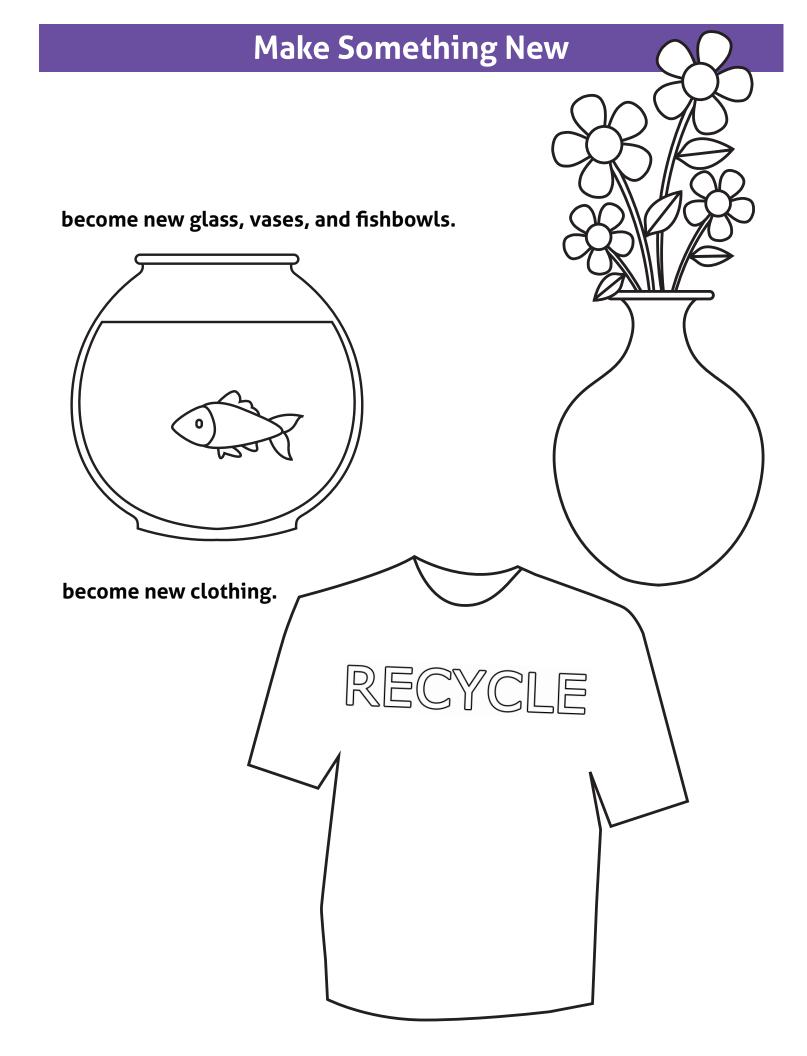
WORD LIST

earth energy green recycle sun water

Make Something New

Use old items until you are through. Then recycle them to make something new.







You'll be AMAZED at What Can Be Recycled!



Answer Pages



Michael's Recycle Word Search

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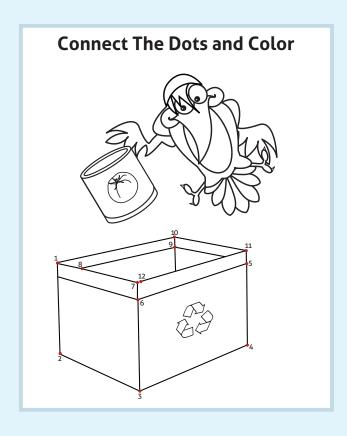


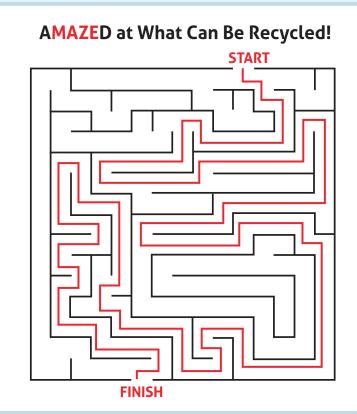
Lola's Secret Message

Recycling Crossword Challenge

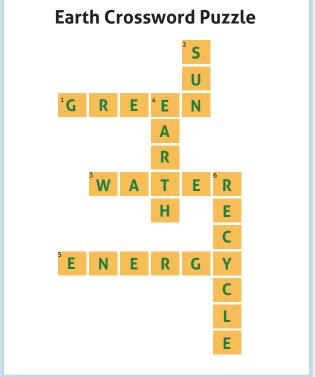


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I completed the activity book, and I am now a recycling star!
I promise to look for recycling items near and far.







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