



## What Is Recycling?

The world around us is our environment. It is where we live. We need to look after the environment. It is important that the environment stays healthy. One way we can do this is to follow the three Rs. The 3 Rs are reduce, reuse and recycle.

**Reduce** means to use less. **Reduce** means throwing away less rubbish.

**Reuse** means to use again. Lots of things can be used again. We shouldn't throw things away after one use.

**Recycle** means to make something old into something new.

R: What are the three Rs?

E: What is the environment?

Recycling helps the environment. It reduces the amount of rubbish we make. Lots of rubbish can cause pollution. Pollution hurts the environment. Recycling reduces pollution.

E: Why do we need to recycle?

We can recycle paper and cardboard. We recycle things like newspapers and cereal boxes. We can recycle some plastic. We recycle things like drink



bottles and yoghurt pots but not straws. We can recycle metal and things like food tins and drink cans. We can recycle glass. The glass could be bottles or jars.

I: Which of the items below can be recycled? Circle your answer.

food tin

newspaper

hairbrush

plastic drink bottle

wooden toy

glass jar

plastic straw

A lot of houses sort their rubbish. They have different bins. They have a bin for rubbish that can't be recycled and a bin for recycling. Some people have lots of recycling bins. These help to sort the recycling. They may have a bin just for paper, a bin just for plastic or a bin just for glass.

The normal rubbish is taken away. It will be buried in the ground or burnt. This isn't very good for the environment.

The recycling is taken away. It will be sorted into paper, plastic and glass. The recycling will be cleaned. Then it is ready to be made into new things.

R: What happens to rubbish that can't be recycled?

Answers:

R: Reduce, reuse and recycle.

E: The world around us. Where we live.

E: To look after the environment and help reduce pollution.

I: Food tin, newspaper, plastic drink bottle, glass jar.

R: It will be buried in the ground or burnt.