

Recycle Week

What Is Recycle Week?

Recycle Week is an annual event and is being held between 19th and 25th September in 2022. It is in its 19th year and was first held in 2004. It is a time to encourage people to recycle and remind them of all the things that can be recycled, including many household items that often get forgotten about and are thrown away. This year's theme is 'Let's Get Real'.



What Is Recycling?

Recycling is when objects made from a range of materials, such as glass, steel, paper, cardboard, certain plastics and even waste food, are taken to a recycling plant and turned into other things or the same thing again. They are then used again after being recycled and not just thrown away into landfill.

Why Is It Important to Recycle?

1 Recycling saves resources.

When we recycle, used materials are made into new products, making it less necessary to use natural resources. Natural resources, such as coal and wood, come straight from the ground, so if we can recycle products already made, we reduce the need to use fresh, raw materials.



2 Recycling saves energy.

Using recycled materials when making new products uses a lot less energy than what is required when making new products from raw materials.

3 Recycling helps to protect the environment.

Recycling reduces the need for mining materials from the ground. Changing raw materials from one thing into another causes a large amount of air and water pollution.



4 Recycling reduces landfill.

Landfill sites are huge areas where rubbish that isn't recycled is dumped. They need a lot of space. The rubbish takes years to decay and while it is doing that, these sites give off methane gas which can be harmful and contributes to climate change.



How Can We Recycle?

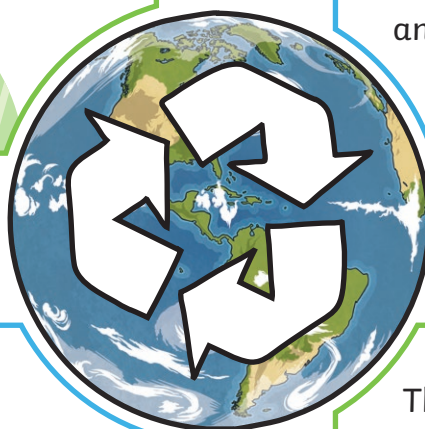
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Whenever we use a plastic or glass container that can be recycled, we need to wash it out and put it in a separate place from our other rubbish, such as a box or bag.



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Then, put the recycling items in your recycling bin (they can be blue, green or other colours, depending on where you live) or take it to a recycling collection point - and that's it!



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Some charities take old, damaged and stained clothing and fabrics to be recycled. We can all do our bit to help the planet and save the environment for generations to come.

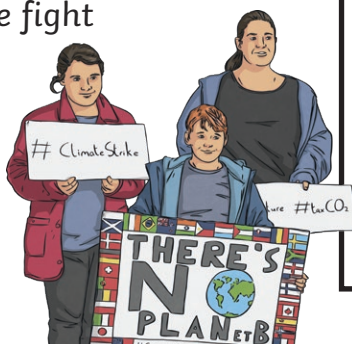
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There are often clothing banks in supermarkets and local car parks, as well as special clothing recycling collection points at refuse sites or tips.



Let's Get Real This Recycle Week

This year's theme has been chosen to promote better recycling behaviour and challenge ideas about what can and cannot be recycled. It is important for everybody to get real this Recycle Week and join the fight against climate change! After all, this planet is ours and we all have a responsibility to look after it!



Did You Know...?

There are many common household items that often get forgotten about and, instead of being recycled, are thrown away. These include items such as shampoo and conditioner bottles, bleach bottles, tissue boxes and deodorant cans.



Questions

1. Which month is Recycle Week in? Tick one.

- ☐ August
- ☐ December
- ☐ October
- ☐ September

2. Number the steps from 1-4 to show the correct order for how to recycle.

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- ☐ Decide if it can be recycled.
- ☐ Wash the container out.
- ☐ Put it in your recycle bin or take it to a recycling collection point.

3. Name one of the ways you can recycle clothing and fabric.

4. Apart from shampoo bottles, name one more item people often forget to recycle.

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5. **Changing raw materials from one thing into another causes a large amount of air and water pollution.**

What does this mean?

6. In your own words, explain what Recycle Week is.

7. Explain your understanding of why recycling reduces landfill.

8. Imagine living near a landfill site. What do you think it would be like? Why?

Answers

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- 4** Put it in your recycle bin or take it to a recycling collection point.

3. Name one of the ways you can recycle clothing and fabric.

Accept any of the following: Take it to a supermarket or local car park; take it to a special clothing recycling collection point at a refuse site or tip; take it to a charity shop to be recycled.

4. Apart from shampoo bottles, name one more item people often forget to recycle

Accept any item from the following: conditioner bottles; bleach bottles; tissue boxes; deodorant cans.

5. **Changing raw materials from one thing into another causes a large amount of air and water pollution.**

What does this mean?

That it causes more pollution to make a new object than recycling an old one.

6. In your own words, explain what Recycle Week is.

Pupils' own response, such as: Recycle Week is an event that is held every year to encourage and remind people to recycle more items, such as the many household items that often get forgotten about.

7. Explain your understanding of why recycling reduces landfill.

Pupils' own response, such as: Recycling reduces landfill because when items are recycled and reused properly, fewer items are being sent to landfill sites.

8. Imagine living near a landfill site. What do you think it would be like? Why?

Pupils' own response, such as: Living near a landfill would be smelly because of decaying rubbish there due to the methane gas it produces. There may also be dirt because of all the rubbish left there, which may attract vermin, such as rats.

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What Is Recycling?

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What Is Recycle Week?

Recycle Week is an annual event which has been running since 2004. This year, it is taking place between 19th and 25th September. It is in its 19th year and was first held in 2004. It is a time to celebrate and promote recycling, as well as remind people of all the things that can be recycled. There are many common household items that often get forgotten about and, instead of being recycled, are thrown away. These include items such as shampoo and conditioner bottles, bleach bottles, tissue boxes and deodorant cans. Each year there is a different theme and the focus for the week this year is 'Let's Get Real'.

Last year's event saw some great feedback from participants who attended; a whopping 82% of those people changed their recycling behaviours because of Recycling Week.



Why Is It Important to Recycle?

It is important to recycle for the following reasons:

1 Recycling conserves resources.

When we recycle, used materials are made into new products, reducing the need to use natural resources. Natural resources come straight from the ground so if we recycle products that are already made, we reduce the need to use fresh, raw materials which are often obtained through mining and forestry.



2 Recycling saves energy.

Using recycled materials in the manufacturing process uses a lot less energy than what is required for making new products from raw materials – even when you take into consideration all of the extra costs, such as transport. For example, recycling a single glass bottle will save enough energy to power a laptop for half an hour.

3 Recycling helps to protect the environment.

Recycling reduces the need to mine materials from the ground. Changing raw materials from one thing into another creates a large amount of air and water pollution.



4 Recycling reduces landfill.

Landfill sites are huge areas where rubbish that isn't recycled is dumped. They take up a great deal of space. The rubbish takes years to decay and in the process, these sites give off methane (a harmful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change). There are over 1500 landfill sites in the UK.



What Can Be Recycled?

Clothing and textiles can be recycled; bedding, old underwear, damaged clothing and lots more! Clothing and textile banks are often found in supermarkets and local car parks.



Some charities take unsellable and damaged clothing for recycling but it is always best to check first.

Foods that can be recycled include peelings, teabags, bread, pastries, out of date food, rice, pasta, beans, meat, fish and waste food left on plates. It can then be used as fertiliser on farms.



Metal and glass are some of the best materials to be recycled. This is because they can be recycled again and again, without any loss of quality.



There are a huge number of other items that can also be reused and recycled, including electrical equipment, toys, paint and even batteries. It is estimated that we throw away over 600 million batteries every year in the UK and that only 27% of them are recycled.



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Questions

1. What and when is Recycle Week? Tick one.

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- ☐ an annual event taking place between 19th and 25th October
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2. Draw **four** lines to complete the sentences.

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3. Apart from shampoo bottles, name **two** more items people often forget to recycle.

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4. List **two** places where you can take clothing and textiles to be recycled.

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5. List one of the problems of landfill sites.

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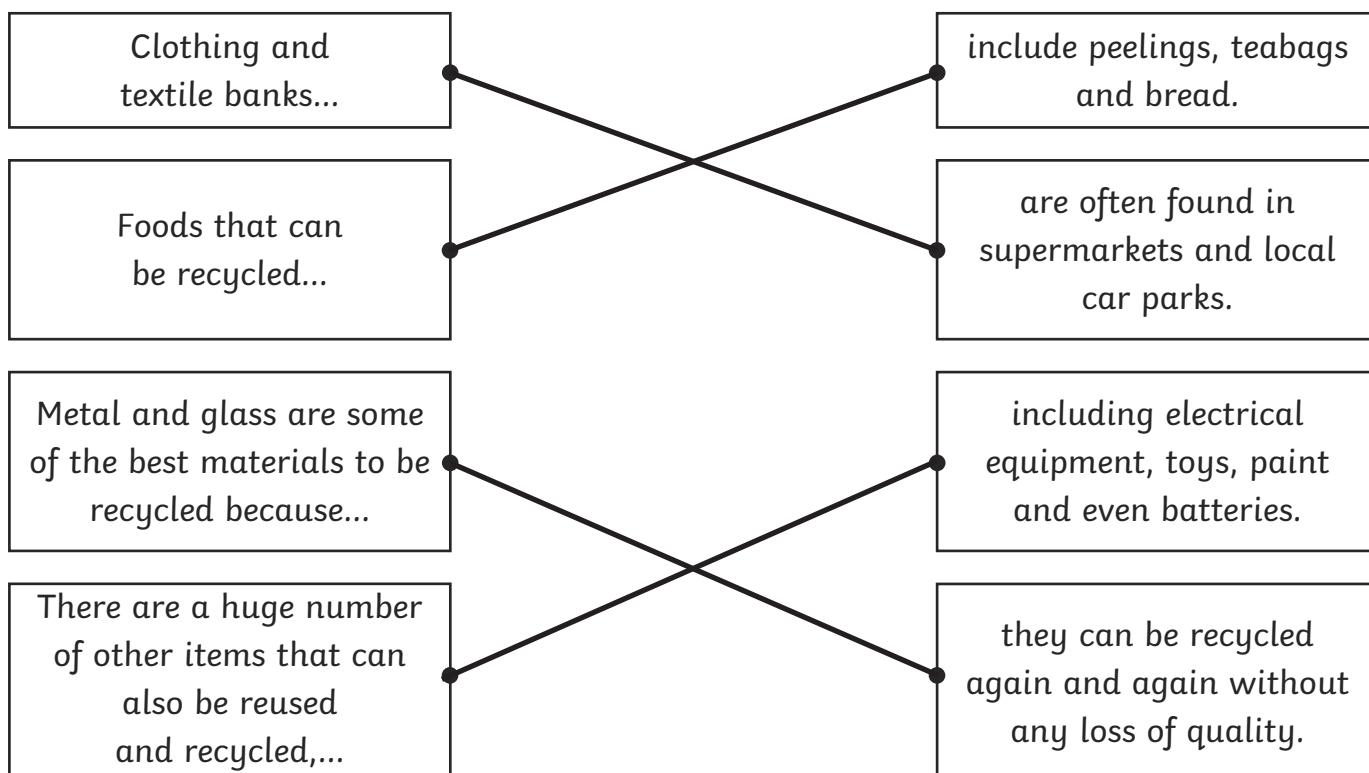
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5. List one of the problems of landfill sites.

Accept one of the following reasons: They take up a lot of space; it takes years for rubbish to decay in them; they give off a harmful gas called methane.

6. What does the phrase **reducing the need to use natural resources** mean?
Pupils' own response, such as: Reducing the need to use natural resources means using less of the earth's resources straight from the ground.
7. Explain your understanding of why recycling helps to protect the environment.
Pupils' own response, such as: Recycling helps to protect the environment because when we change raw materials from the ground into something else, it causes air and water pollution.
8. In your own words, explain what recycling is, including items that can be recycled.
Pupils' own response, such as: Recycling is when items are taken to a recycling plant and turned into something else rather than being thrown into a landfill site. Items such as glass, wood, paper and waste foods are examples of items that can be recycled.
9. Summarise the benefits of recycling in 25 words or fewer.
Pupils' own response, such as: Recycling conserves resources, saves energy, helps to protect the environment and reduces the amount of waste going to landfill sites.

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Recycling is the collecting and processing of materials that would otherwise be thrown away as rubbish and be sent to landfill sites. Recycling is about turning these materials into new products. Materials that can be recycled include glass, steel, paper, cardboard, certain plastics and even waste food.

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Why Is It Important to Recycle?

It is important to recycle for the following reasons:

1 Recycling conserves resources.

When we recycle, used materials are converted into new products, reducing the need to consume new natural resources. Natural resources come straight from the ground, so if we can recycle products already made, we lessen the need to use raw materials that are often sourced through mining and forestry.



2 Recycling saves energy.

Using recycled materials eliminates the need to make new products from scratch and this saves huge amounts of energy.

3 Recycling helps to protect the environment.

Recycling reduces the need for extracting (mining, quarrying and logging), refining and processing raw materials, all of which create large amounts of air and water pollution.



4 Recycling reduces landfill.

Landfill sites are huge areas where rubbish that isn't recycled is dumped. They take up a lot of space. The rubbish takes years to decay and, in the process, these sites emit a quarter of the UK's emissions of methane (a powerful and dangerous greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change). In the UK, there are over 1500 landfill sites and many people are worried that, in time, we will run out of landfill capacity altogether.



What Can Be Recycled?

Clothing and textiles can be recycled; bedding, old underwear, damaged clothing and faded curtains can be recycled and made into new items, such as padding for chairs, car seats, cleaning cloths and industrial blankets.



Clothing and textile banks are often found in supermarkets and local car parks and some charities take unsellable and damaged clothing for recycling - but it is always best to check first.

A multitude of foods can be recycled, including peelings, teabags, bread, pastries, out of date food, rice, pasta, beans, meat, fish and waste food left on plates. It can then be used as fertiliser on farms, which increases organic matter in the ground and improves the overall health of the soil to help the crops and plants to grow.



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- ☐ to celebrate and promote recycling
- ☐ to encourage and remind people of all the things that can be recycled
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- ☐ to give the recycling collectors a week off

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3. Look at the section called **Why Is It Important to Recycle?**

Find and copy one word which means to 'give off'.

4. Name **two** products that textiles and clothing can be recycled into.

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5. Fill in the missing words.

Metal and glass are some of the best _____ to be recycled. This is because they can be recycled again and again without any loss of _____.

6. What does the phrase **reducing the need to consume natural resources** mean?

7. Explain your understanding of how recycling saves energy.

8. Would you want to live near a landfill site? Explain your reason.

9. You have just finished a jar of jam. Explain what you would need to do to make sure it ends up at a recycling plant.

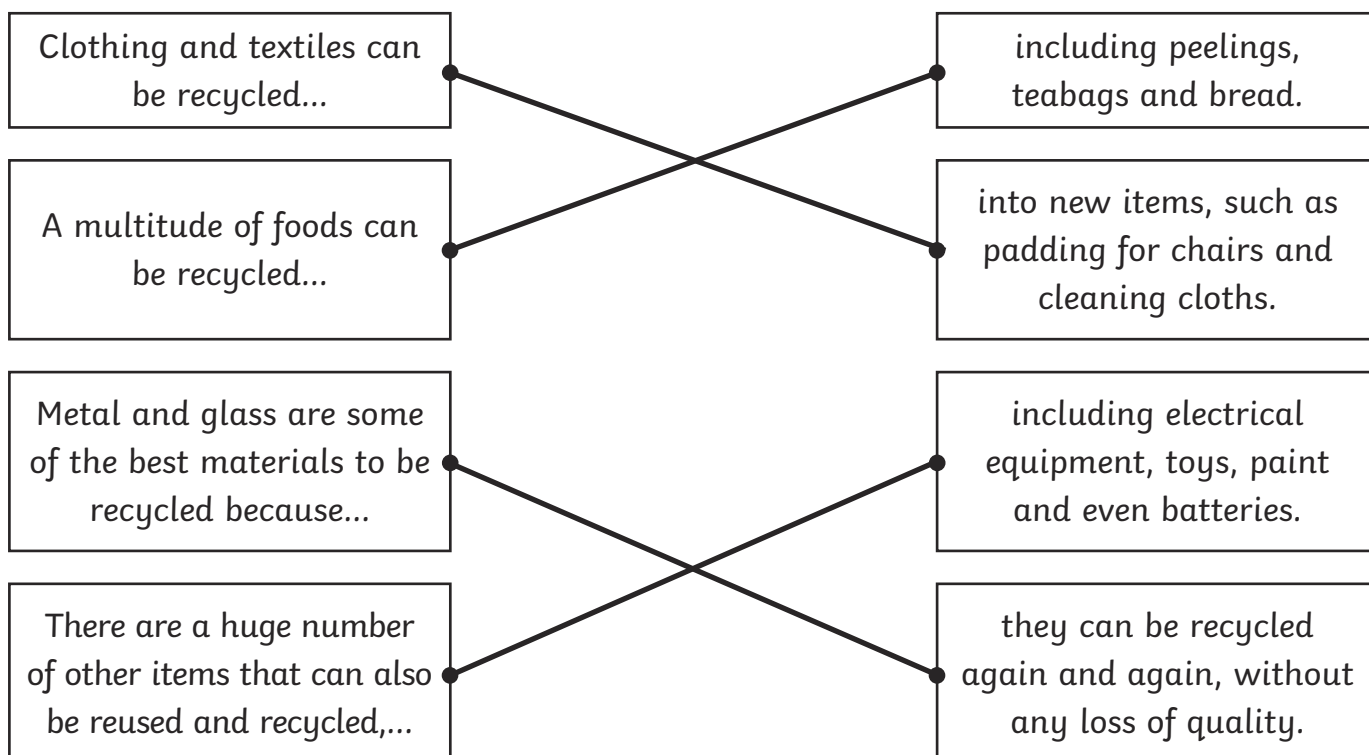
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6. What does the phrase **reducing the need to consume natural resources** mean?
Pupils' own response, such as: This phrase means decreasing the need to use natural resources, such as wood and coal, in manufacturing.
7. Explain your understanding of how recycling saves energy.
Pupils' own response, such as: Recycling saves energy because turning products that already exist into something new uses a lot less energy than making something from scratch, using raw materials.
8. Would you want to live near a landfill site? Explain your reason.
Pupils' own response, such as: I would not like to live near a landfill site because it would be smelly due to the decaying rubbish and methane gas. The area may also be dirty because of all the rubbish left there, which may attract vermin, such as rats.
9. You have just finished a jar of jam. Explain what you would need to do to make sure it ends up at a recycling plant.
Pupils' own response, such as: You would first need to wash the jar out and then put it in a separate box or bag from your other rubbish. You should then put it in your blue wheelie bin (or whichever coloured bin you have for recycling, depending on where you live) to be collected and taken to a recycling plant.
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Acceptable Points

AP1. The author states that recycling conserves resources.

AP2. The author explains that recycling saves energy.

AP3. Recycling reduces the pollution generated by making new things.

AP4. The author explains that recycling reduces the amount of waste going to landfill sites.

AP5. The author stresses the importance of Recycle Week by giving examples.

AP6. Recycle Week aims to change and improve people's recycling behaviours.

Award 3 marks for two acceptable points, at least one with evidence, e.g.

- The author talks positively about Recycle Week, using words like celebrate and encourage and its importance to reducing landfill and saving energy. [AP2, AP4 and AP5]

- The author uses statistics such as: 82% of those people changed their recycling behaviours because of Recycle Week. These numbers show the power of Recycle Week. These numbers support the importance of Recycle Week and how it can change people's behaviour.

Award 2 marks for either two acceptable points, or one acceptable point with evidence, e.g.

- The author talks positively about Recycle Week, using words like celebrate and encourage.
- The author uses examples to show that recycling saves energy. [A2 + AP5]

Award 1 mark for one acceptable point, e.g.

- The author explains that recycling reduces the amount of waste going to landfill sites. [AP3]
- The author states that recycling conserves resources. [AP1]