

Watch Your Waste: Mix 'n' Match Activity

This activity is a recap of the ideas and activities from your Amaroo excursion for the Watch your Waste program. It may be useful as an assessment item as well as an exercise in literacy and higher-order thinking.

Students work in groups of two or three. Each group receives either a question or an answer from the table below. (The table can be printed and cut into question/answer cards.) No other group knows the question or answer that other groups receive.

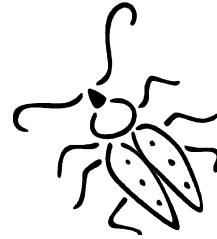
For a few minutes each group goes into a huddle to guess what answer or question they will be looking for to match their card. On a signal, groups mill around the room comparing their cards with others to find the question or answer that is a good match for their card.

When all are matched, representatives from each group read their card to the class to see if all agree they have found the correct matching cards.

Why doesn't Mother Nature need rubbish dumps (land fill)?



The Recycle Gang changes natural waste into food for plants and animals.



Why shouldn't we throw our waste (like glass, metal and plastic) in the bush?



The Recycle Gang can't break down glass, metal or plastic. Some of these items take a very long time to decompose.



What are the
four Rs
and what do they mean?

Reduce – use less of it
Reuse – use it again
Recycle – turn it into something else we can use
Rethink – is there a better way to do things?

When buying paper for your printer, how can you help reduce waste of trees?



You can buy paper that is 100% recycled. That means no trees were cut down to make it.



What could you use scrap paper for at home? (e.g. old newspapers or used printer paper)



You could make a biodegradable pot or make some sheets of recycled paper. Old newspapers are also good to lay under mulch in the garden to stop weeds coming up.

Name 5 members of the Recycling Gang.



Worms, beetle larvae, fungi, microbes and cockroaches are all members of the Recycling Gang.



What's the difference between reusing and recycling?



When you reuse something you don't change it. When you recycle it you change it into something else we can use.

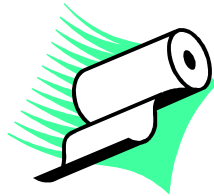
Name 6 items that should go into your recycle bin at home.



Clean cardboard boxes, glass bottles, aluminium cans, plastic milk bottles, junk mail and newspaper are all items that can be recycled.



If paper is not labelled 'recycled', what is it made from?



Non-recycled paper is usually made from woodchip. Woodchip is trees that have been cut into millions of tiny pieces.



Why are worm farms a good idea? (How do they help us?)



Worms recycle food and paper scraps to produce great fertilizer for plants.

