

RECYCLING CHAMPIONS

EYFS, AGE: 3 - 5 YEARS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To learn where our rubbish goes
- To understand why we should recycle
- To find out what materials can be recycled

ACTIVITY

Activity 1 : Where does rubbish go?

Create a pile of household rubbish in the middle of the room. Ask **where do we place our rubbish** and have two bins nearby - rubbish and recycling.

Ask the children **how does our rubbish get collected?** And then **where does it go?** Discuss the disadvantages of landfill (dangerous, waste of resources and space etc.)

Introduce the alternative to landfill, the 3Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Explaining these are things we can do to help our world.

Activity 2 : What can be recycled?

Take turns to choose items from the pile of rubbish to see what can be recycled. Place paper, plastic bottles, thin card and tin cans in the recycling.*

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SCHOOL TOPICS

ELG01: Listening and Attention
ELG 02: Understanding
ELG 03: Speaking
ELG 04: Moving & Handling
ELG 14: The World
ELG16: Exploring and using Media and Materials.

MATERIALS

- Household waste
- Two bins/boxes labelled rubbish and recycling
- Optional: Toy trucks and toys e.g dogs and cats for landfill

KEY WORDS

Landfill
Rubbish
Recycle
Reduce
Reuse



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LESSON NOTES

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Landfill = A site where all the waste material is deposited (from the rubbish bin)

Rubbish = Waste material, refuse

Recycle = Convert waste into reusable materials via recycling centres

Reduce = Create less waste e.g. buying less

Reuse = Use again and again instead of wasting it

Waste placed in rubbish bins gets collected every week by the rubbish truck and then taken to the landfill site.

Disadvantages of landfill:

- Waste space: compare to dumping all our rubbish in the playground, what would this mean?
- Waste resources: once we throw things in the rubbish bin, we do not use it again.
- Harmful to wildlife: ask what animals could visit the landfill? (stray cats and dogs, vermin etc).
- Harmful to sea life: sea creatures get trapped in the rubbish or eat the rubbish e.g plastic bags.

Examples of:

- Reduce: not using a plastic straw when eating out
- Reuse: refilling your water bottle as many times as possible
- Recycle: placing your plastic bottles, tins, paper and thin card in your recycling bin.*

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