



## Early years worksheets: What bin? Where?

### Learning objective

To help children understand practical recycling skills and social responsibility by identifying the right bin for dry recycling.

### Early Learning Goals

- **Physical development -ELG- Gross motor skills:** To move energetically while negotiating space through identification of the correct hoop.
- **Literacy -ELG- Word Reading:** Drilling of pronunciation of words for different materials.
- **Mathematical -ELG- Numerical patterns:** Comparing different quantities of materials, recognising greater or less.



**Time required: 30-45 minutes**

### Resources

- 4-6 hoops or containers labelled with 'paper recycling', 'plastic recycling' etc.
- Rubbish from the recycling bin that matches the chosen materials with the containers/hoops.
- Pen and paper for keeping a record of the score.

### Introduction to activity

Ask the children to work out what material goes into each bin. Explain it's for recycling, to turn old stuff into new things, so we can help the Earth and humans.

### Main activity:

1. Put 4 hoops on the ground, label each with a material and one hoop with non-recyclable.
2. Separate the class into groups.
3. Ask a student from each group to place a piece of material in the right hoop.
4. For each correct rubbish placement, give one point and write the score down as a tally.
5. Practice pronunciation of material words like plastic. Sound blending can be applied, and the best pronunciation can get an extra point for the team.

### Discussion

- Explain to the children that their efforts to put rubbish in the right bin helps the environment and provides a clean place to live.
- Explain that materials must be separated as each material goes to a machine in a recycling centre.
- Explain that when they recycle a plastic bottle for example that can be remade into a bag for example.

### Extension activity

Can the children find items in their classroom or backpacks that could be recycled for later. Could it be reused instead of being thrown in the bin?

### How is this related to waste and recycling?

Recycling of course! The aim of this task is to make children think about why we recycle and what is their role. Their role is part of a wider responsibility to society.

### Extra links

Our website has various games like this [Home Education & Holiday Activities - Zone \(recycledevon.org\)](https://www.recycledevon.org/home-education-holiday-activities-zone)

The British council have an online version of this game [Clean and green | LearnEnglish Kids \(britishcouncil.org\)](https://www.britishcouncil.org/clean-and-green)