

Compost Activity Sheet

Compost forms naturally nearly everywhere! The leaves that drop from the trees or grass clippings left on the lawn, plants and animals that die. Over time, these break down or decompose. The rich, dark-brown, crumbly, soil-like material that results is called compost.

Compost can be used to improve the quality of the soil in your garden. This means increasing the nutrients so that plants, vegetables, fruit and flowers will all grow really well.

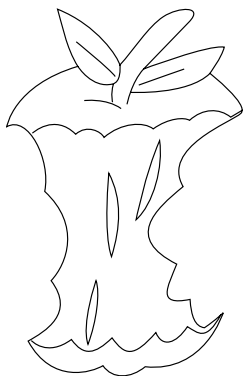
So what do you need to make compost? If it can rot and is from a plant or animal origin it can compost, but some items are best avoided like meat, fish and cooked food.

You need a mixture of what we call "greens" and "browns". Greens are materials that have a high water content like fruit scraps and grass clippings. Browns are materials that have a low water content like twigs or cardboard.

Can you decide which of these goes in a compost bin?



bottle



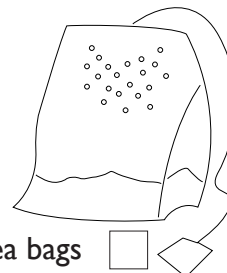
apple core



drinks can



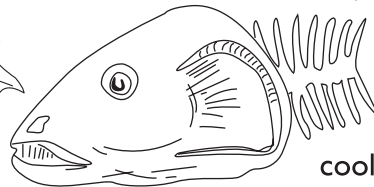
jam jar



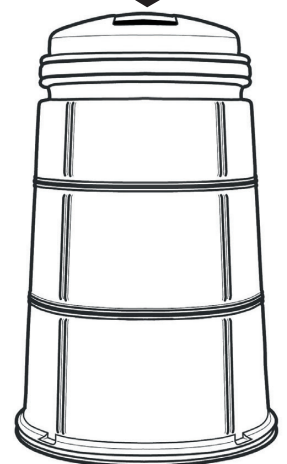
tea bags



leaves



cooked fish



Colour these pictures in

Where do you think the things that don't compost should go?

C	S	B	H	F	Z	A	N	T	G	W	T	X	V	Y	I
R	A	B	W	R	A	G	M	I	L	L	I	P	E	D	E
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S	P	L	A	S	T	I	C	B	A	G	A	N	Z	J	P

Compost Wordsearch

Some of the creatures that help

(colour these in red)

- Fruit fly
- Millipede
- Slug
- Snail
- Worm

Green materials

(colour these in green)

- Fruit
- Grass
- Tea bags
- Vegetables
- Weeds

Brown materials

(colour these in brown)

- Crushed eggshells
- Cardboard
- Egg boxes
- Sawdust
- Twigs

Don't compost

(colour these in blue)

- Cooked food
- Fish
- Plastic bags
- Tin cans
- Sandwich