



A25 Reduce, re-use, run-around game



This activity develops understanding of what waste can be recycled. There is special emphasis on compostable materials. The game can be adapted to take account of your local authority's recycling provision. Leave out less obvious waste cards depending on the abilities of the group.

Resources

- Waste picture cards (48), eg citrus peel, woolly jumper
- Destination cards (9), eg compost bin, bottle bank (plus 6 extra destinations for discussion)
- Answer sheet
- Large area for the game to take place, free of obstacles

Activity

- 1 Place the destination cards at suitable intervals around the room/playground.
- 2 Choose a person to stand in the middle of the area with the waste cards. Select waste cards in turn and call out the names.
- 3 Pupils go to appropriate destination for each waste card shown.
- 4 Discuss why a particular item should be at its destination and what will happen to it there.

Extended activities

- 1 Use this activity as a quieter game – small groups sort the waste cards into their appropriate destinations.
- 2 Research your local authority's recycling provision.
- 3 Get creative with ways you can re-use waste items in the garden.

Health & Safety	As a high energy, run-around game, this activity must be supervised at all times in line with the school's own policies. <i>See also Health and Safety Guidelines (Section B3.3)</i>
Further information	A24 Yes, no, maybe compost game B5.7 Making compost Poster - Making compost Garden Organic home composting www.homecomposting.org.uk Recycle Now www.recyclenow.com

Answer sheet for reduce, re-use, run-around game

The list below isn't exhaustive, but gives general guidance about the destination of types of waste on the cards. Discuss possible alternative destinations with the group, and check your local authority's latest recycling facilities.

In addition, organic gardeners make imaginative use of all sorts of waste materials, eg straw in ladybird houses (A29), plastic bottles as mini cloches (B5.10), yogurt pots and newspaper for growing young plants (A18 and 19), and so on!

Top tip



What is a wormery?

A mini-compost heap filled with the same worms found in larger traditional heaps. Most useful when kitchen waste is the main material to be composted. See Silver and Gold booklet for details.

Waste	Destination/s
Apple core	Compost bin, wormery, green collection
Autumn leaves	Compost bin, but leaves can be composted separately to make 'leafmould' for improving soil (see A9). Otherwise green collection
Banana skin	Compost bin, wormery, green collection
Bones	Dustbin/landfill
Bread	Wormery, dustbin/landfill, or use for feeding birds! <i>Some local authorities operate food waste collection service</i>
Burger wrapper	Dustbin/landfill
Cardboard	Compost bin, wormery (some, torn up), paper banks (some, check locally); green collection (some; check locally)
Carrot tops	Compost bin, wormery, green collection
Christmas tree	Compost bin (shredded/cut up); green collection (check locally)
Clingfilm	Dustbin/landfill
Cooked food/leftovers	Wormery (some), dustbin/landfill (better eaten!) <i>Some local authorities operate food waste collection service</i>
Crisp packet	Dustbin/landfill
Cut flowers	Compost bin, green collection
Dairy products	Dustbin/landfill
Dandelions (weeds)	Compost bin (see B4.8/A14 for details), green collection
Disposable nappies	Dustbin/landfill
Drinks can	Can bank
Drinks carton	Dustbin/landfill <i>Some local authorities have special recycled bins for cartons</i>
Egg box	Compost bin, wormery (some), paper banks (some, check locally); green collection (some; check locally)
Egg shells	Compost bin, wormery (some), green collection
Foam packaging	Dustbin/landfill
Glass	Bottle bank

Waste	Destination/s
Grass cuttings	Compost bin, green collection
Hay or straw	Compost bin, green collection
Hedge clippings	Compost bin, green collection
Junk mail	Compost bin (some, if they can be torn showing 'clay' coating) Often best in paper banks
Left over raw vegetables	Compost bin, wormery, green collection
Meat and fish scraps	Dustbin/landfill
Nettles	Compost bin, green collection <i>Can also make liquid fertiliser (see Silver and Gold booklet)</i>
Newspaper	Compost bin (some) Often best in paper banks
Old jeans	Clothes bank
Old phone book	Compost bin (shredded) Often best in paper banks
Old plants/other older green material	Compost bin, green collection
Orange peel	Compost bin, green collection Not wormery (makes the mix too acid)
Paper bags	Paper bank, compost bin
Plastic bags	Plastic bank (some, check locally); dustbin/landfill
Plastic bottles	Plastic bank
Potato peelings	Compost bin, wormery, green collection
Ripped T-shirt	Clothes bank, compost heap (some, if 100% natural wool or cotton)
Sandwich wrapper	Plastic bank (some, check); dustbin/landfill
Sawdust	Compost bin (some), green collection
Socks with holes in	Clothes bank, compost heap (some, if 100% natural wool or cotton)
Tea bags	Compost heap (only non-nylon - see packet), wormery
Tins and cans	Can bank
Kitchen paper (used)	Compost heap; dustbin/landfill Only non-nylon (see packet)
Cat litter or dog faeces	Dustbin/landfill Special bins provided in parks, etc
Woolly jumper with holes in	Clothes bank, compost heap (some, if 100% natural wool or cotton)
Yogurt pot	Dustbin/landfill

Other recycling opportunities include buying second hand materials at reclamation yards



Crisp Packet



Drinks Can



Autumn Leaves



Bones



Bread



Cardboard



Carrot Tops



Cat litter or dog faeces



Christmas Tree



Orange Peel



Apple Core



Cling Film



Cooked Food



Dairy products



Cut Flowers



Disposable nappies



Dandelions (weeds)



Old Phone Book



Drinks Carton



Egg Box



Egg Shells



Yogurt Pot



Foam Packaging



Glass



Grass Cuttings



Burger wrapper



Hay or straw



Hedge Clippings



Junk Mail



Newspaper



Meat & Fish Scraps



Nettles



Old Plants/other older green material



Paper Bags



Plastic bags



Plastic Bottles



Egg Potato Peelings



Sawdust



Tea Bags



Tins & Cans



Left over Vegetables



Banana Skin



Used Kitchen Paper



Woolly Jumper



Ripped T shirt



Old Jeans



Sock with holes in



Sandwich Wrapper

Compost bin



Bottle bank

Glass Bottles

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