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World Environment Day: Recycling

Directions: World Environment Day is a celebration that happens every year on June 5. The goal of this day is to encourage people to protect the environment. One of the best ways to do this is through recycling. Read the passage below and answer the questions in complete sentences to show off your learning!



What is recycling?

When you're at home and school, it is always important to recycle. Recycling happens when you throw things away you no longer want. Some items are trash. Other items can be recycled. This means they can be used again.

How do I know when I can recycle?

Recycling bins will have a sign on them. The sign looks like three arrows that point to each other. Some bins are for plastic, paper, or glass. A bottle or package that can be recycled has the same sign on it.

Why should people recycle?

Recycling is one way to take care of the environment. By recycling, items can be used again or turned into something new. When items are recycled, this means fewer items need to be made because we can use what we have. This saves energy. Finally, recycling keeps items out of landfills. Landfills are like big holes filled with garbage. These holes get bigger and bigger when we don't recycle.

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Reading Questions

1. According to the reading, what is recycling? What is the sign or symbol for recycling?

2. Why should people recycle?

3. Find three items in your classroom, backpack, or another space you're near that has the recycling sign on it. What items did you find? Then, describe where the closest recycling bins are. What color are the bins?
