



Where does
rubbish go
when we
throw it
away?

Take it further:

THINK

What curiosity questions can you ask?

e.g. What is the reason that we throw things away? Where is your waste taken after it is collected by the garbage truck? When thinking about a piece of rubbish, what is the difference between throwing away a banana skin and throwing away a plastic bag?

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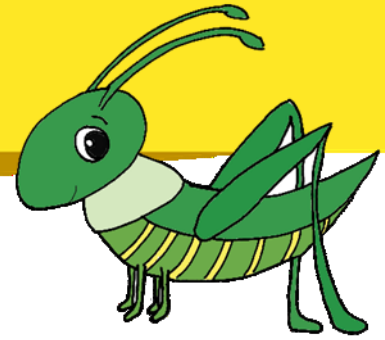
How might different people feel about this?

e.g. How does it make you feel when you see rubbish lying around in nature, for example crisp packets in the forest or plastic floating in the ocean? How might some of the creatures in nature feel about rubbish being thrown in their homes?

CONNECT

What links can you start to make?

e.g. How do you think waste ends up on the streets or in the ocean? What are some of the ways what we can create less waste? How can you reuse waste materials like paper or plastic in your home or school?



Activity ideas:

1. Waste is not all the same. Some materials, called *organic materials*, like plants, leaves, and food, can be broken down by nature. Other materials, like plastics, metals, and glass cannot be broken down by nature so easily. To find out how long it takes for some materials to break down, try this guessing game:
[How long until it's gone?](#)
2. The rubbish from your house is usually taken by the rubbish trucks which often come every week. Do you know (or can you find out) where they take the bags? Ask a parent or your teacher for help if you're not sure where to find the answer.
3. When you throw your food away in the bin, it is often taken to places called *landfills*. Landfills are large areas of rubbish where rubbish is piled up and food cannot compost or break down into soil.

Unlike plastic, leaves and food waste decompose (or break down) and become soil. This is nature's way of reusing or recycling its materials. Composting is a great way to reuse waste food and help the planet. Why not learn how to create your own soil from your food waste using this handy worksheet

[Create your own compost](#)

4. Become a Waste Warrior! Every time you leave your house (if possible) pick up any pieces of rubbish that you see outside, for example on the streets or in the park. Don't forget to wear gloves and carry a bag to put all of the collected litter inside.

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What other activities could you do?

