

Maria Recycles

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Maria was helping her dad. She put old cans and bottles in a box. Dad put the box outside. A green truck picked up the cans and bottles. The truck took everything to the recycling center.

"Dad," asked Maria, "what happens to the cans and bottles?"

"They are broken down into pieces," her dad said.

"People use those parts to make new things. Then less trash is left on Earth."

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1. What did Maria and her dad collect for the recycling center?

- A. old cans and bottles
- B. paper
- C. old toys

2. What happened before Maria's dad took the box outside?

- A. A green truck picked up the cans and bottles.
- B. Maria put old cans and bottles in a box.
- C. People used the pieces to make a new thing.

3. What happens to the bottles and cans before a person can make new things out of them?

- A. They are buried in the ground.
- B. They are broken down into pieces.
- C. They are put in piles.

4. What is the big lesson in "Maria Recycles"?

- A. Recycling trucks are green.
- B. Trash hurts the earth.
- C. When we recycle, there is less trash left on Earth.

5. According to the passage, what can be recycled?

6. What did you learn from "Maria Recycles"?

7. Class Discussion Question: Explain why less trash is left on Earth when people recycle bottles and cans.

8. Draw a picture of Maria and her dad recycling.