Educational Coloring & Activity Book

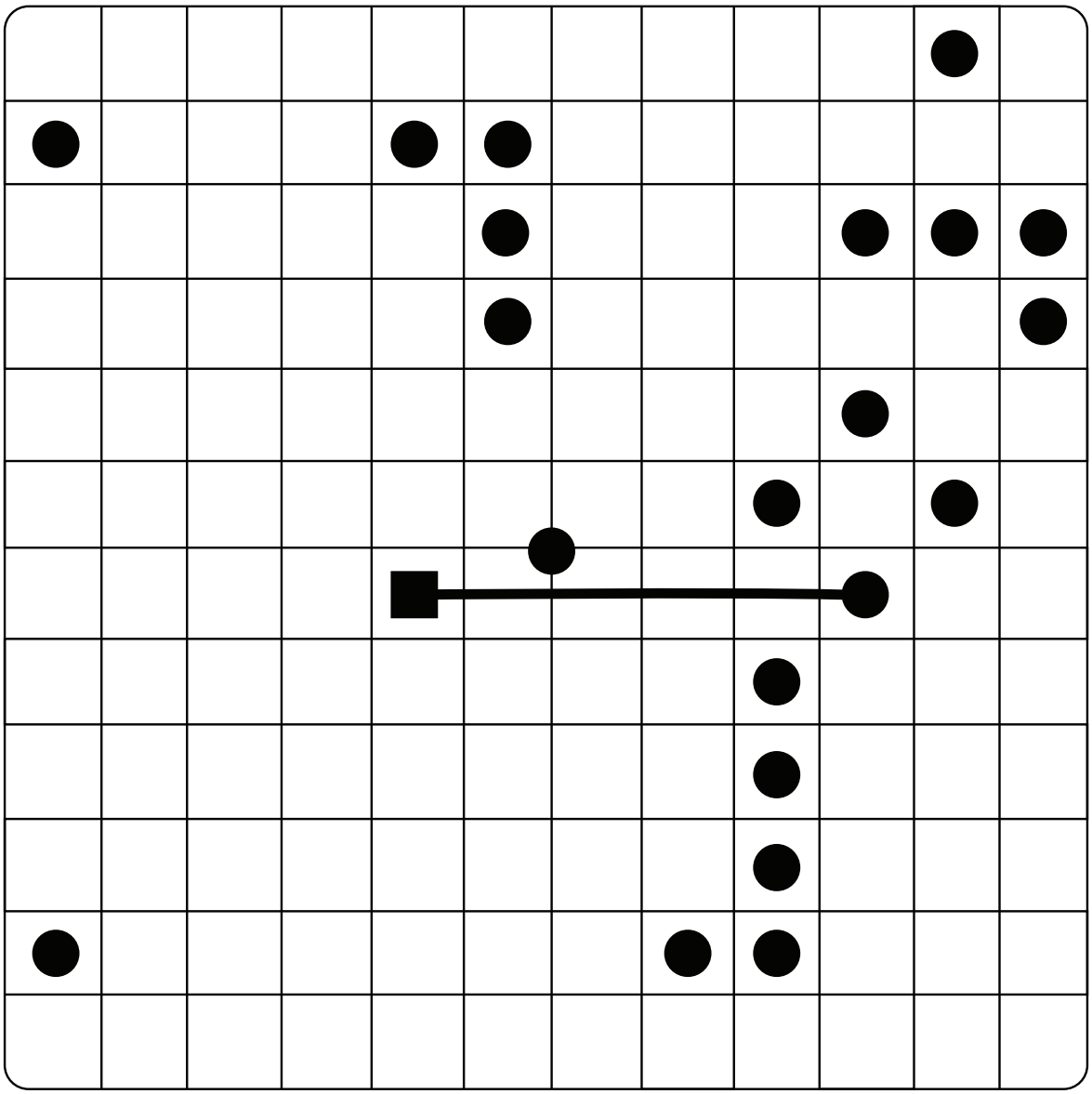
CART SMART

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

GRADES
6th - 8th

LINE DRAW

Start from the square. Draw exactly 12 lines without picking up your pencil to connect all circles. Lines can go up, down, left, and right only. No diagonal lines.



WORD CHALLENGE

Unscramble the letters to spell a word.

tnwgraudroe	_____	uesre	_____
orvcsene	_____	mcpontsiog	_____
eehatnm	_____	yecelrc	_____
eecurd	_____	poecmodes	_____
plouitonl	_____	mtreinoennv	_____
liladfnl	_____	leoerbbiddaga	_____
acngior	_____	abargeg	_____

Complete like a Sudoku using : global warming, biodegradable, conserve, natural resources, blue cart, and organic.

	CONSERVE				**BIODEGRADABLE**
				NATURAL RESOURCES	
CONSERVE	**BLUE CART**		**BIODEGRADABLE**		
	BIODEGRADABLE		**BLUE CART**	**ORGANIC**	**CONSERVE**


WORD
SEARCH
M N T C E W E E E A R Z E R L
O X O S O X E V L E I C V A C
H X U I T N R T T C O R P I R
H E Y I T E S T L S Y L E N E
R T N G S U I E Y A A C E F E
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T A T I B A H O R E M L R O V
O C E A N S E P E N A E L C N
W A T E R R F L N O L U R Q N
D L R O W D N E E Z S F R A U
S L L I F D N A L O S O I L C
AIR
ANIMALS
CARE
CLEAN
EARTH
ECOSYSTEM
ENERGY
EXTINCT
FUEL
FOREST
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HOME
LANDFILLS
LITTER
OCEANS
OXYGEN
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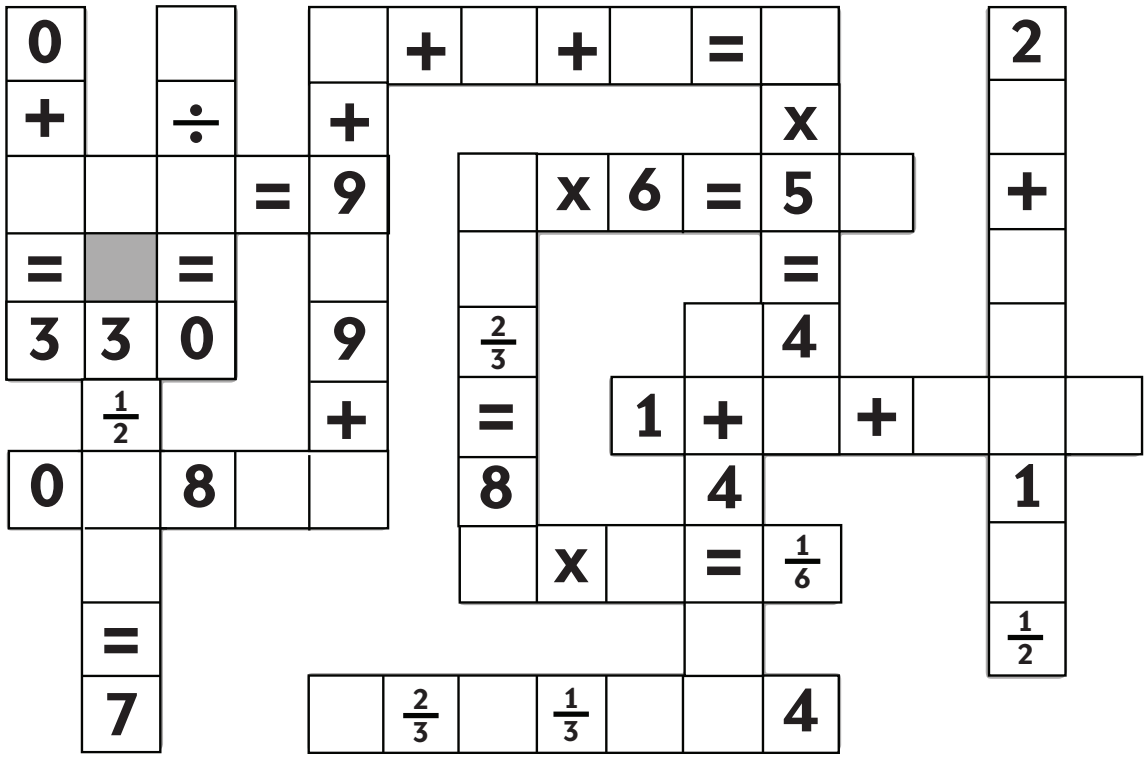
SOIL
WATER
WORLD

RUNAWAY MATH

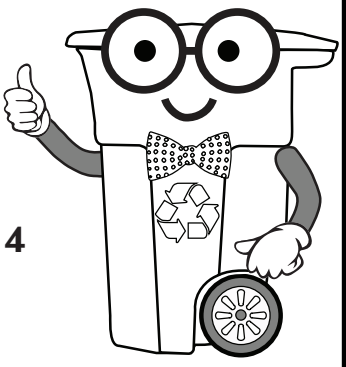


Use the following pieces to complete the runaway math puzzle.
Two of the pieces will not be needed.

1	=	3	=	÷	x	=	1/2	9	1/3	3	7	8	÷	8
9	1/6	0	0	1	1	2	0	7	=	1/3	1/2	4	4	3
6	0	4												

Rewrite the equations from the runaway math puzzle.

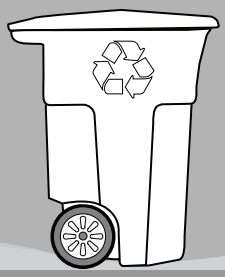
1. 0 + __ = 3
2. __ + 6 = 5 __
3. 2 __ + __ __ __ 1 __
4. __ __ = 0
5. __ x __ =
6. __ + 4 = __ __
7. __ - = 8 __
8. 1 + __ + __ __ __
9. __ + __ = __
10. 0 __ 8 __ __
11. __ + 9 __ 9 + __
12. 3 __ __ = 7
13. __ + __ + __ = __
14. __ __ __ __ 4
15. __ __ __ = 4
16. __ x 5 = 4 ___



DECOMPOSITION in the Landfill

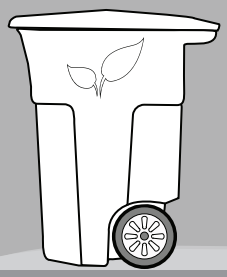
Have you ever thought about how long a piece of garbage will last in the landfill after you throw it away? Take a look at the items below to see how long it takes for them to decompose in the landfill.

Items below with a recycle symbol can be placed in the blue recycle cart and items with a leaf can be placed in the green organics cart.



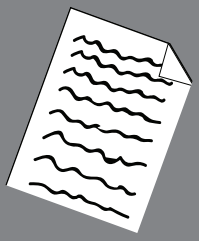
Blue Cart (Recycle)

Green Cart (Organics)

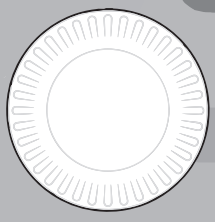


* SOIL AND MOISTURE CONDITIONS MAY AFFECT DECOMPOSITION TIMES

Apple Core
3-4 weeks

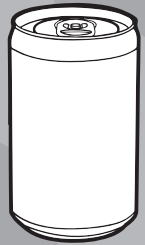


School Paper
1-2 weeks



Paper Plate
1 year

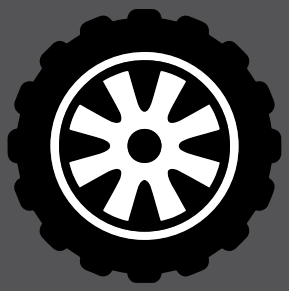
Glass Bottles
1 + million years



Aluminum Soda Cans
200 - 500 years

Cardboard Box
2 months

Plastic Jug
1+ million years



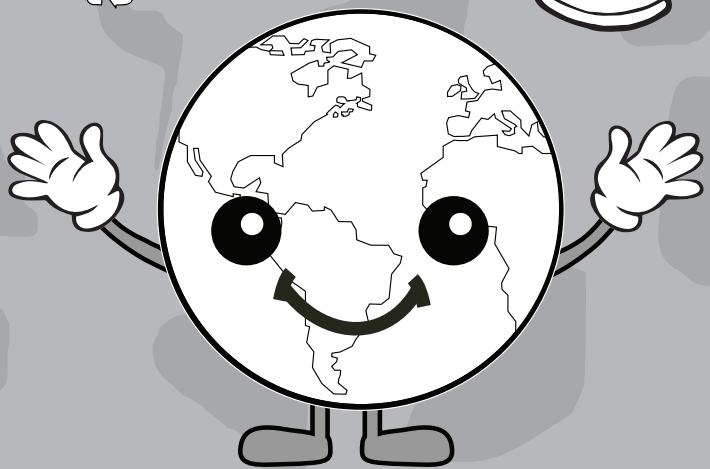
Rubber Tire
NEVER!

Wool Sock
1 year

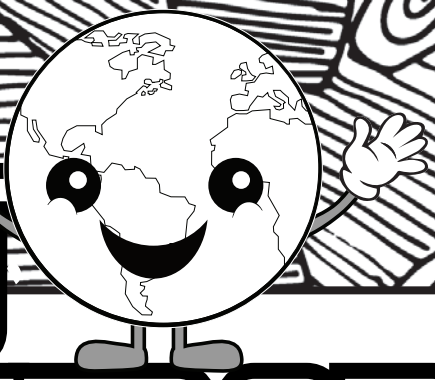
Chip Bag
10-80 years

Styrofoam Cup
1 + million years

Soup Can
50 years



Earthy Humor



Why did the leaf go to the doctor? --- It was feeling green.

How can you tell the ocean is friendly? --- It waves.

Why did the sun go to school? --- To get brighter.

How do you cut a wave in half? ---Use a sea saw.

What did the tree wear to the pool party? ---Swimming trunks.

What did the ground say to the earthquake? ---You crack me up!

What kind of shorts do clouds wear? --- Thunderwear!

What's the difference between weather and climate?
--- You can't weather a tree, but you can climate.

What kind of plant grows on your hand? ---Palm tree.

What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
--- You have to be careful not to step in a poodle.

What is a tree's least favorite month? ---Sep-timber!

Why are recycle bins optimistic? ---Because they're full of cans.

What did the little tree say to the big tree? ---Leaf me alone!

Earth Day

Earth Day is a global holiday that celebrates our planet's environment. Every year on April 22, people host different events to honor the Earth.

Environmental activists use Earth Day to increase awareness about issues like global warming and oil spills. They also use the day to urge politicians to pass laws that will help save the environment.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970. Democratic Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin started the holiday. Nelson was worried that industrialized countries, like the United States, were too careless with the environment.

After an oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara in 1969, Nelson proposed several reforms. One reform was to hold a national Earth Day every April 22.

Today more than 500 million people in 175 countries celebrate Earth Day! Students spend the day learning about environmental issues, while activists use the day to rally for new environmental policies.

If you want to get involved in Earth Day and see what you can do to help, check out **www.earthday.org.**

David Watson. "Celebrate Earth Day, Learn How Eath Day Got it's Start." Scholastic News Online. www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=11868. June 27, 2018.

Recycling is Good for the Earth

What happens to your trash when it leaves your house? Many people do not know. They never think about their trash after they have thrown it away. Most trash is taken to a landfill. At the landfill, it is buried. Some kinds of trash break down in a landfill. It breaks down into smaller pieces. Water may dissolve it. Germs and bugs may eat it.

In time, the trash is broken down and becomes part of the dirt. Banana peels and paper break down quickly. Metals and plastics break down very slowly. They can take hundreds of years to break down. Some kindsof trash like Styrofoam will never break down!

What can we do? One way to help is to recycle. Recycling is taking something that has been used and turning it into something new. Many things can be recycled: paper, metal, glass, cardboard, batteries. and some kinds of plastic. Recycling saves space in landfills and saves resources.

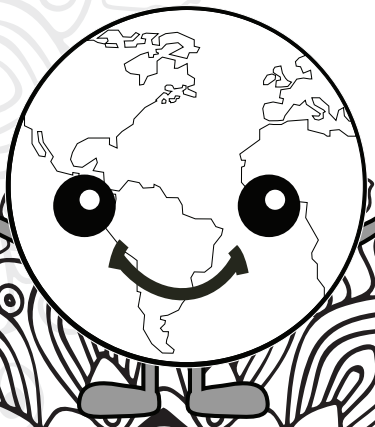
1. Most trash _____when it leaves your house.

2. When trash breaks down it becomes _____.

3. _____ will never break down in a landfill.

4. What items can be recycled? _____ _____
   _____ _____
   _____ _____

5. _____ is taking something that has been used and turning it into something new.



WHAT DOES THE MESSAGE SAY?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
		17						12						16										22	

		C	Y	C										O											
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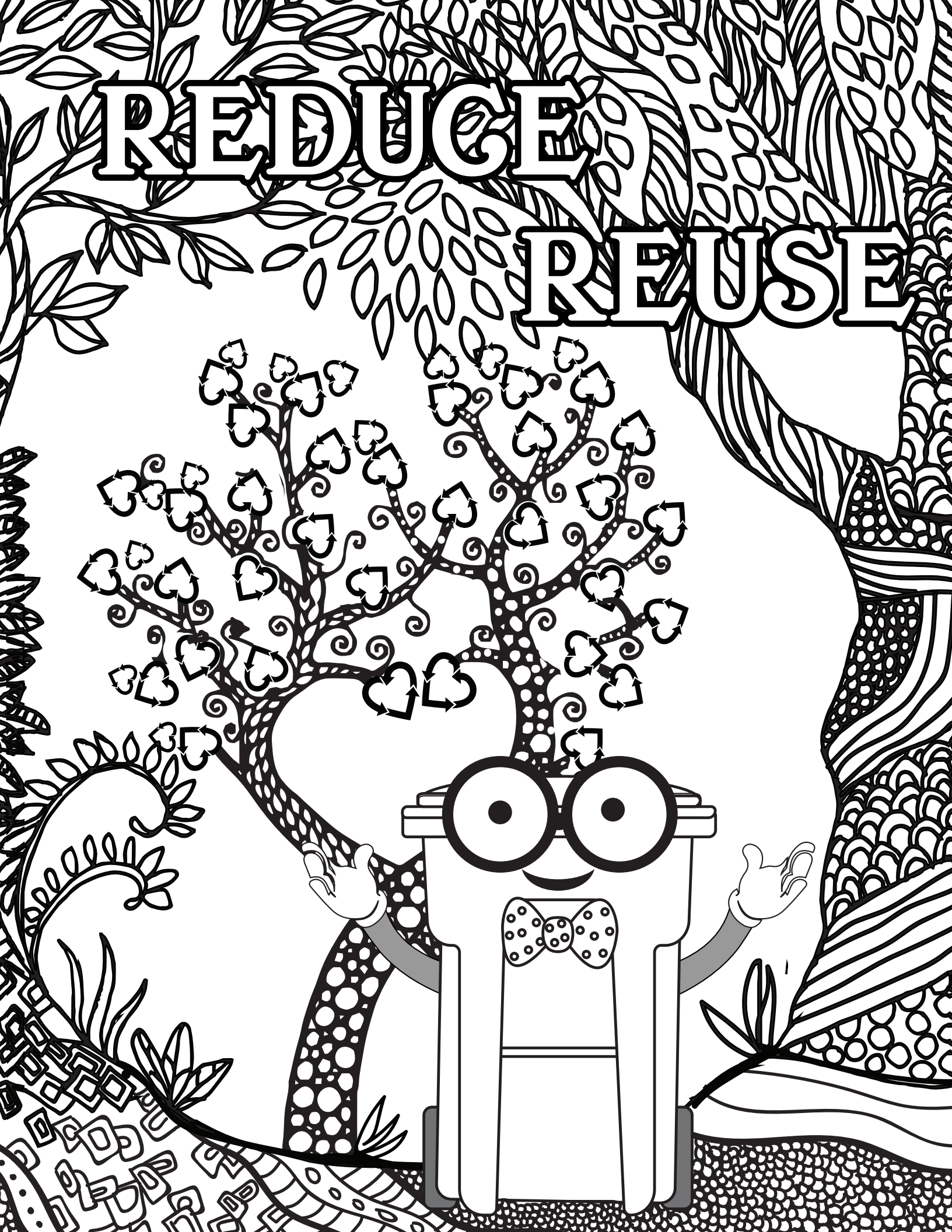
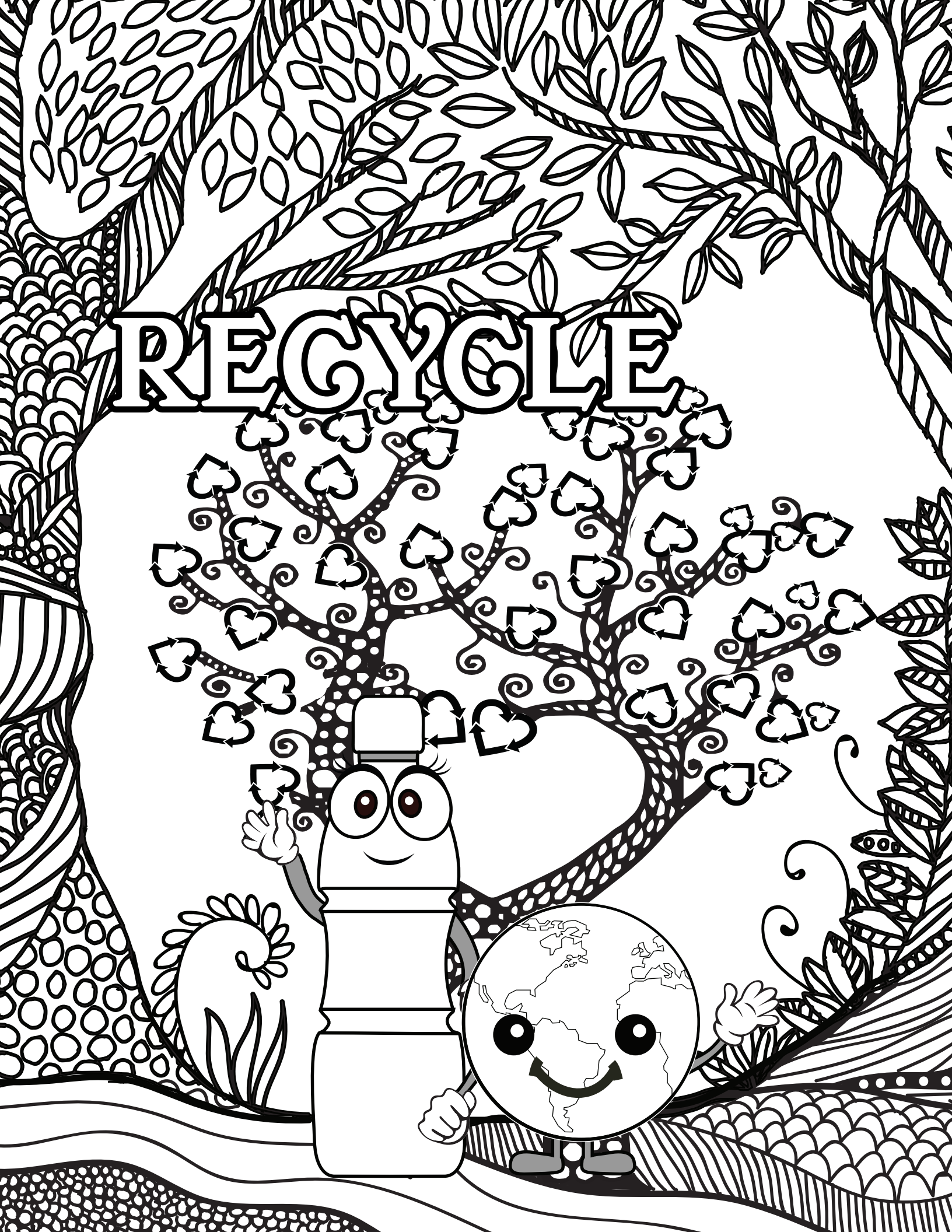
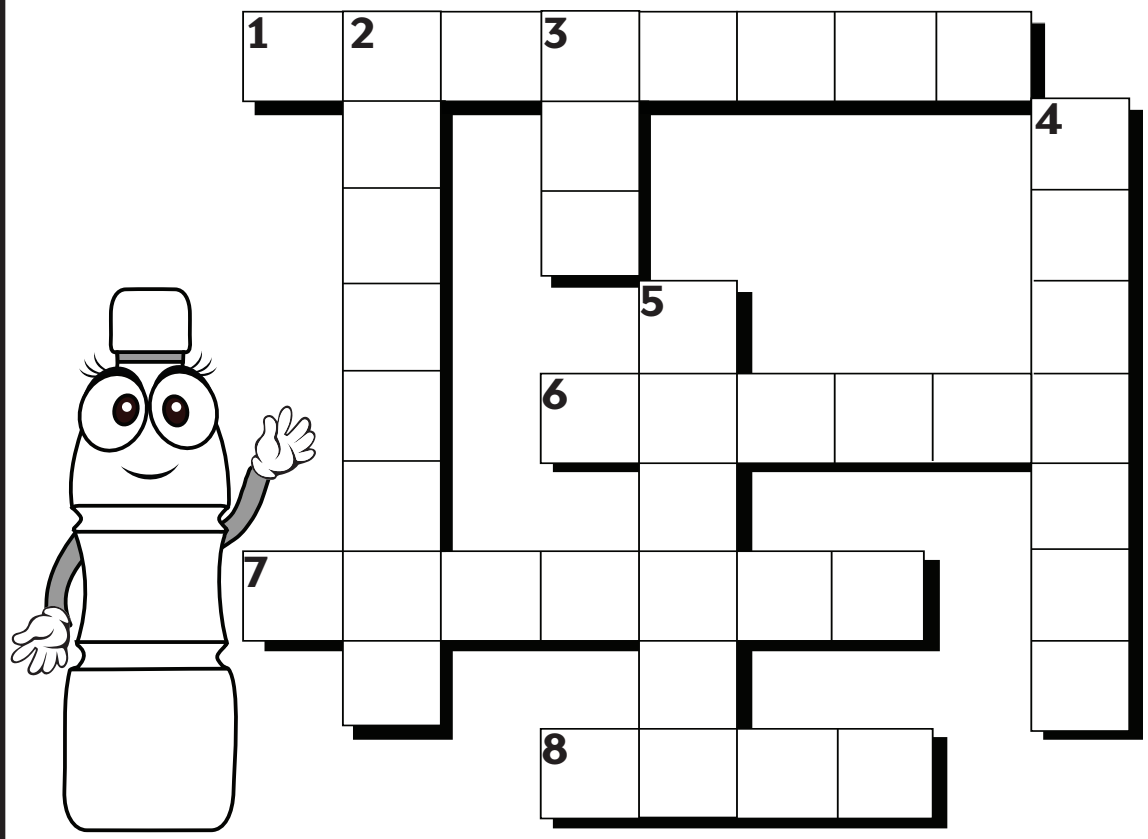

REDUCE
REUSE


RECYCLE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Below are some hints, but you'll have to figure out what words go in each blank.



1. Make your own _____ paper for gifts from old newspaper comics or decorate grocery bags instead of buying new gift wrap.
2. Use cloth bags and napkins because they are _____ and will not have to be thrown away after one use.
3. Reuse a yogurt container as a flower _____.
4. Pack your lunch in a reuseable container instead of a paper or _____ bag.
5. Reuse or _____ old clothes and toys.
6. Plant a tree. A tree can absorb up to 50 _____ of carbon dioxide each year.
7. Go to the library to learn more about the connection between reducing, reusing, recycling, and _____ change.
8. No matter what product or material you use, take only what you _____.

DECODED

Plastic is coded with a number (1-7) surrounded by the recycling arrow triangle. The type of plastic used is identified by the number.

PETE **HEPE** **PVC** **LDPE** **PP** **PS** **OTHER**

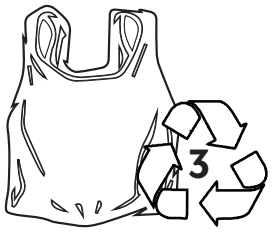
The recycling facility uses this number to sort different types of plastic. Different plastics are used to make different things and react differently to heat. Here's a breakdown of the 7 standard types.

POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE

water bottles, soda bottles, combs. rope, tote bags, carpet, fiberfill in winter clothing

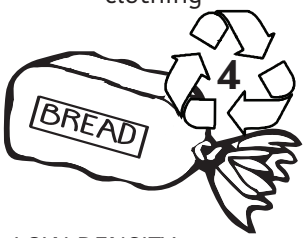
HIGH-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE

milk jugs, trash bags, soap bottles, detergent containers, toys, bleach containers



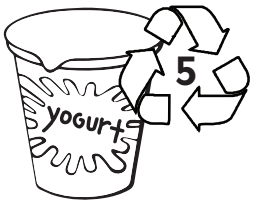
POLYVINYL CHLORIDE

grocery bags, plumbing pipes, tile, shoes, cling films, gutters, window frames



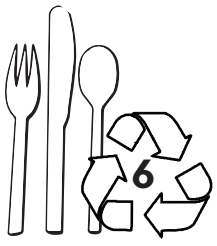
LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE

bread bags, cling wrap, flexible container lids, sandwich bags



POLYPROPYLENE

yogurt containers, tupperware, bottle caps, butter tubs, prescription bottles, disposable cups and plates

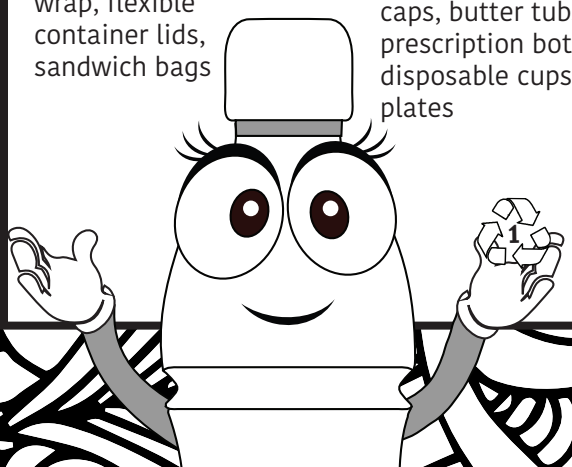


POLYSTYRENE

Plastic utensils, packing foam, disposable coffee cups, plastic food boxes, packing peanuts

OTHER PLASTICS INCLUDING ACRYLIC, POLYCARBONATE, POLYSCTIC, FIBERS, NYLON, AND FIBERGLASS.

reuseable sports bottles, baby bottles, eyeglasses



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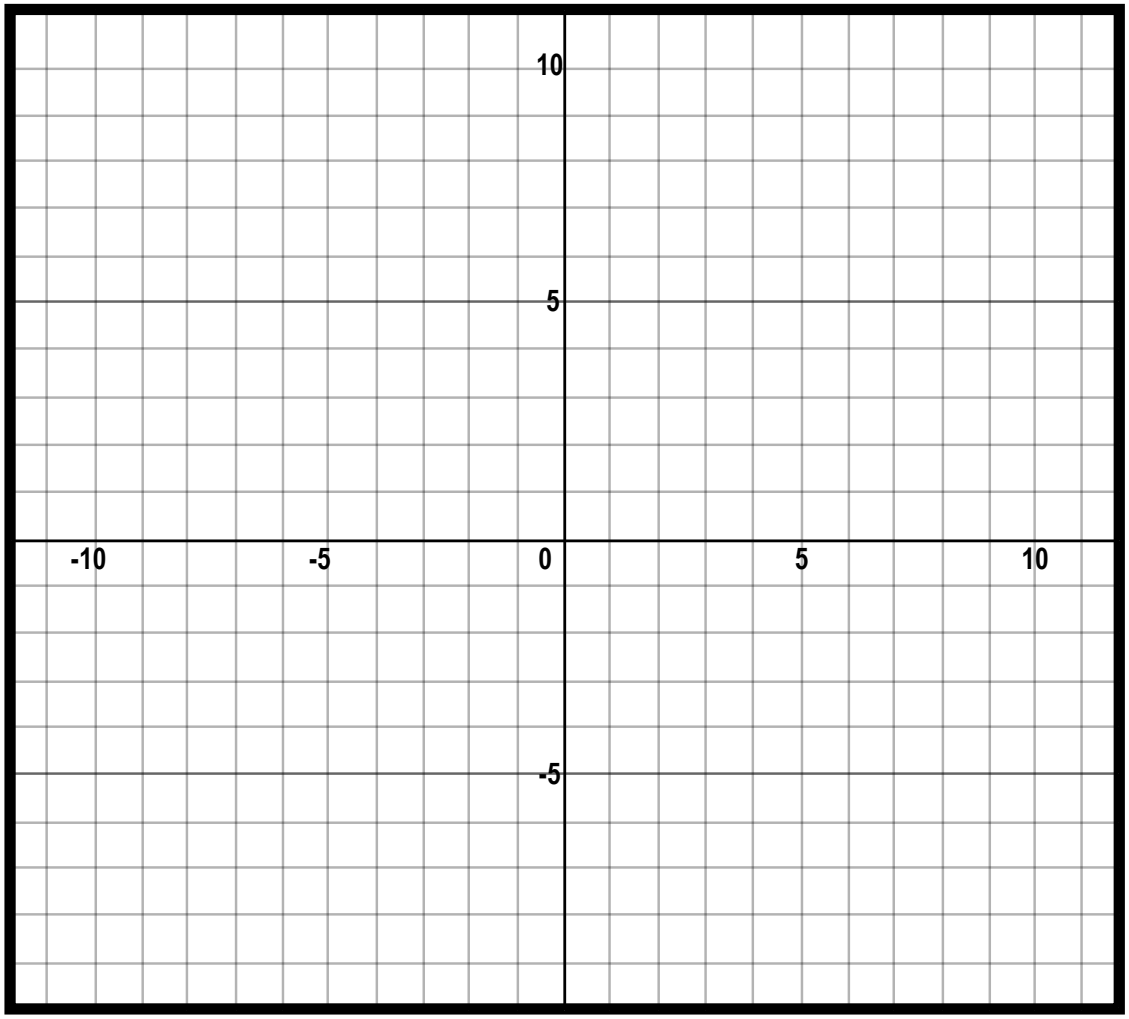


Plot and connect only the plots within each zone.

Zone A	Zone B	Zone C	Zone D	Zone E	Zone F
(7, 3)	(3, -3)	(-0.5, -3)	(-5, -2)	(-2.5, 3)	(-1.5, 9)
(9, -0.5)	(7, -3)	(-0.5, -7)	(-8.5, -2)	(-6, 5)	(3.5, 9)
(9, -1.5)	(8, -2.5)	(-5.5, -7)	(-9, -1.5)	(-4, 8.5)	(4, 8.5)
(8.5, -2)	(8, -3)	(-8, -3)	(-9, -0.5)	(-3.5, 9)	(5.5, 6)
(5, -2)	(6, -6.5)	(-7, -3)	(-7.5, 2)	(-2.5, 9)	(7, 7)
(3.5, 1)	(5.5, -7)	(0.5, -3)	(-9, 3)	(-2, 8.5)	(5,3)
(7, 3)	(3, -7)		(-4.5, 3)	(-0.5, 6)	(0,3)
	(3, -8.5)		(-2.5, -1)	(-2.5, 3)	(1.5, 4)
	(0.5, -5)		(-4, 0)		(-1, 8.5)
	(3, -1.5)		(-5,-2)		(-1.5, 9)
	(3, -3)				

RECYCLING MYTHS

MYTH: Recycling is hard.

Provided you have adequate recycling access and opportunities, most items from your kitchen or bath can be recycled such as clean plastic, cans, and glass.

With a little education, recycling can be simple and straightforward.

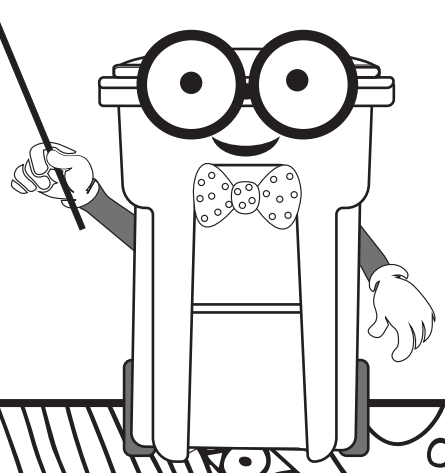
MYTH: Everything decomposes once it's in the landfill.

Landfills are designed so that very little oxygen or moisture flows through. Without these two elements to break materials down they do not decompose.

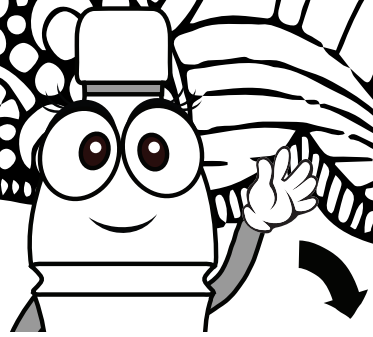
MYTH: You can recycle anything with a number within the recycling symbol.

In 1988 the plastic industry created an ID code to differentiate plastic types.

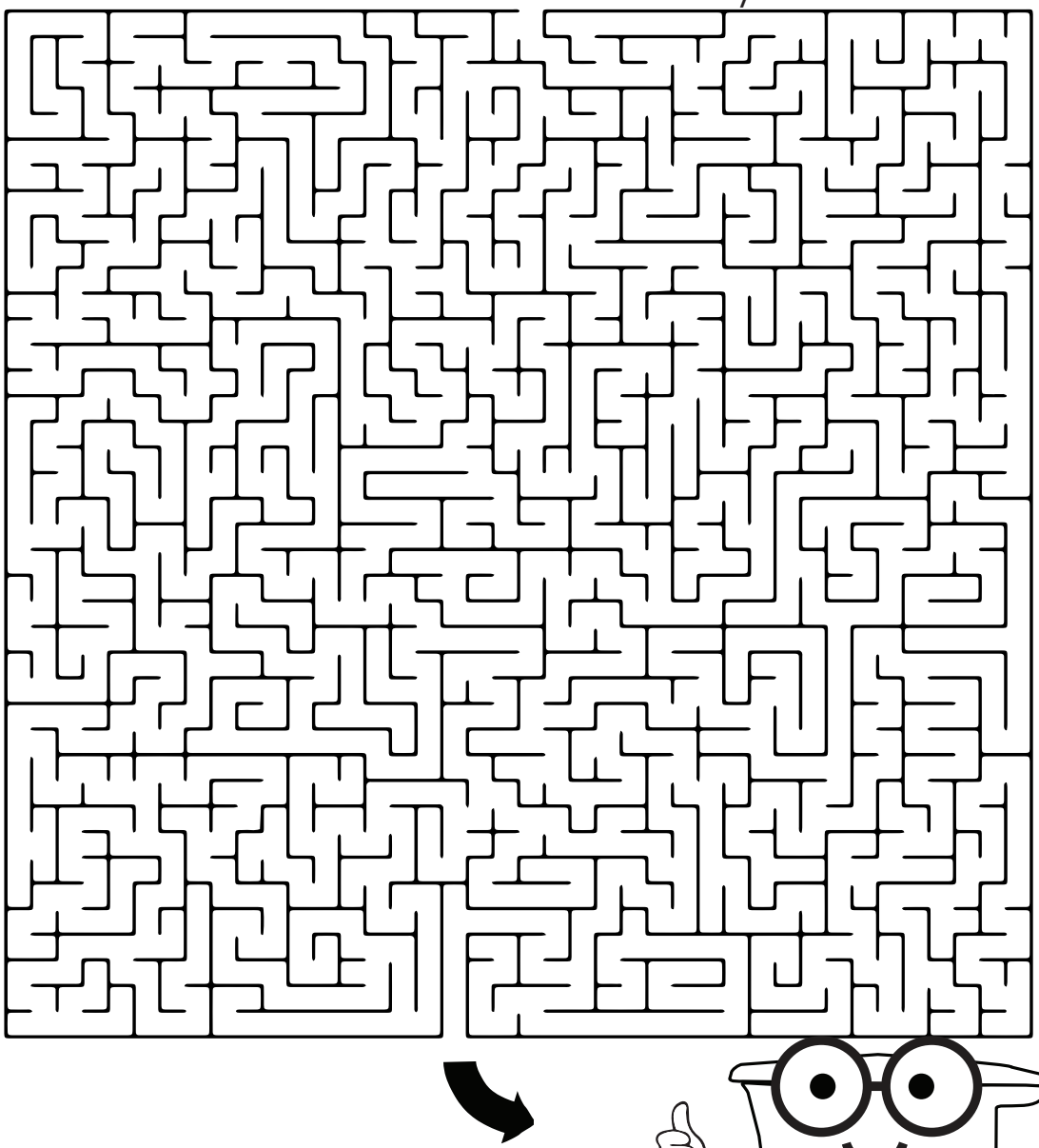
The code on the plastic does not mean it is recyclable or has been recycled. It only identifies the type of plastic from which it is made.

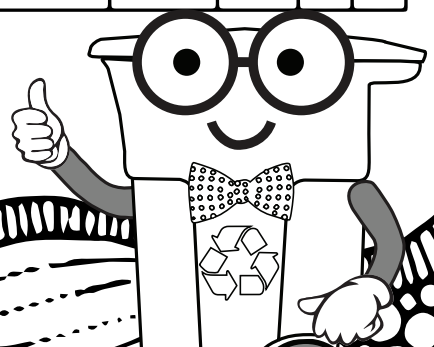


MAZE CRAZE!



Help Polly Plastic find her way to Curby the Smart Cart.

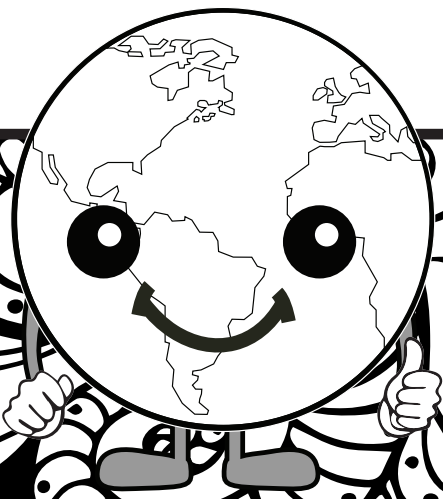




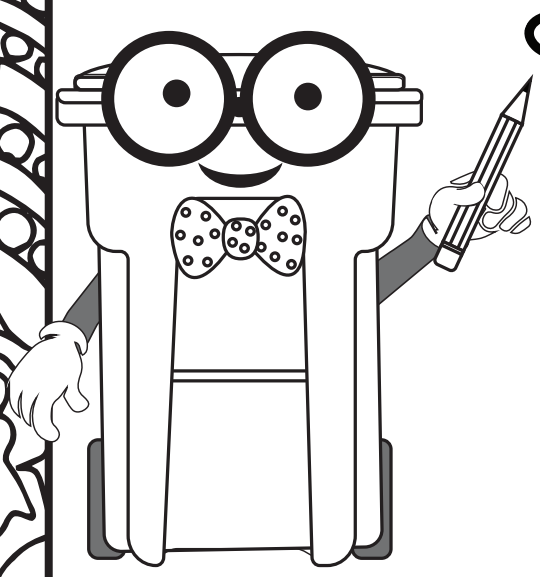
WORD SCRAMBLE

HOW MANY OF THESE RECYCLING RELATED WORDS CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE?

1. PAREP	1. _____
2. LOETSTB	2. _____
3. ECRECLY	3. _____
4. TCSIPLA	4. _____
5. ATESW	5. _____
6. EWEANSRPP	6. _____
7. EUSRE	7. _____
8. IGPNAGKCA	8. _____
9. RECEDU	9. _____
10. RETIENNMONV	10. _____



DRAW ME



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Answer KEY

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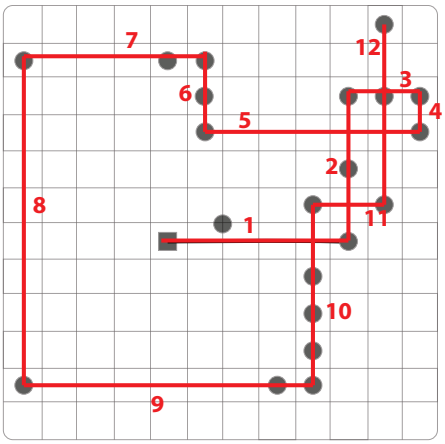

WORD CHALLENGE

GROUNDWATER	REUSE
CONSERVE	COMPOSTING
METHANE	RECYCLE
REDUCE	DECOMPOSE
POLLUTION	ENVIRONMENT
LANDFILL	BIODEGRADABLE
ORGANIC	GARBAGE

MAZE CRAZE

NATURAL RESOURCE	CONSERVE	GLOBAL WARMING	ORGANIC	BLUE CART	BIODEGRADABLE
BIODEGRADABLE	GLOBAL WARMING	BLUE CART	CONSERVE	NATURAL RESOURCES	ORGANIC
ORGANIC	NATURAL RESOURCES	BIODEGRADABLE	GLOBAL WARMING	CONSERVE	BLUE CART
CONSERVE	BLUE CART	ORGANIC	BIODEGRADABLE	GLOBAL WARMING	NATURAL RESOURCES
BLUE CART	ORGANIC	CONSERVE	NATURAL RESOURCES	BIODEGRADABLE	GLOBAL WARMING
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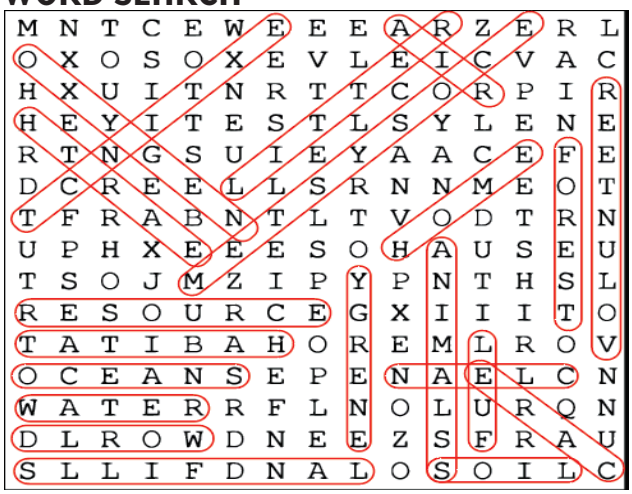
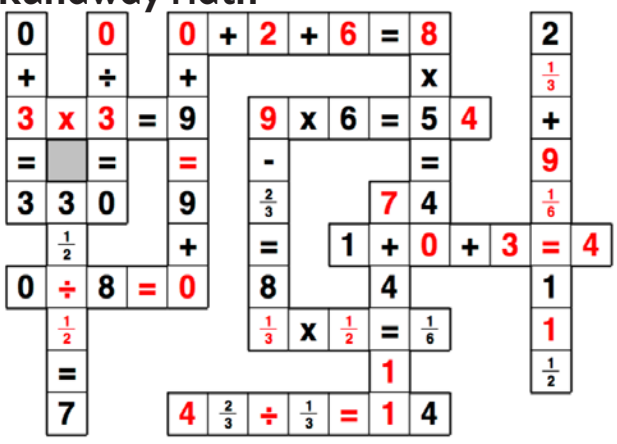
WORD SEARCH



Runaway Math

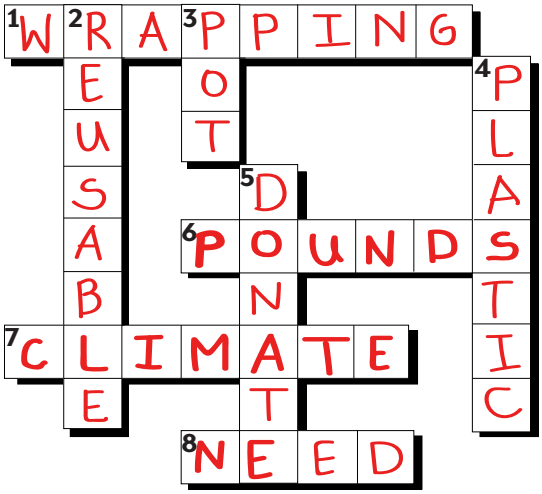


Answer KEY

RECYCLING IS GOOD FOR THE EARTH

1. TAKEN TO A LANDFILL
2. DIRT
3. STYROFOAM
4. PAPER, METAL, GLASS, CARDBOARD, BATTERIES, AND PLASTIC
5. RECYCLING

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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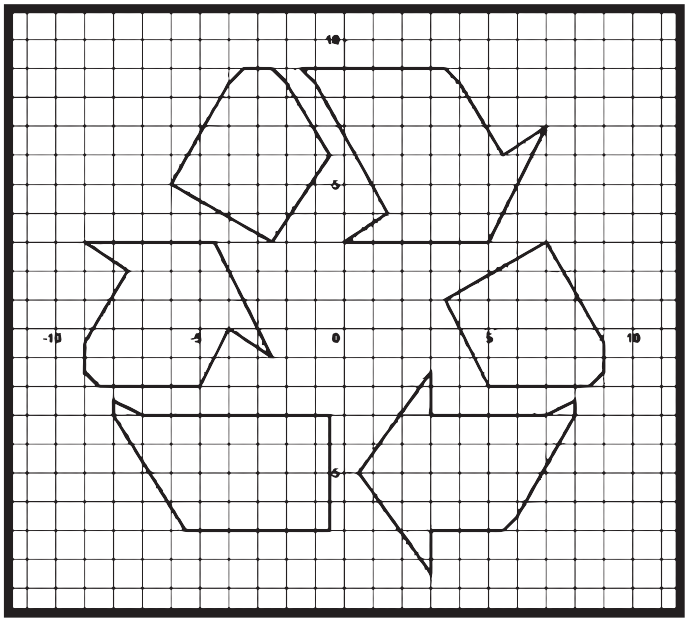
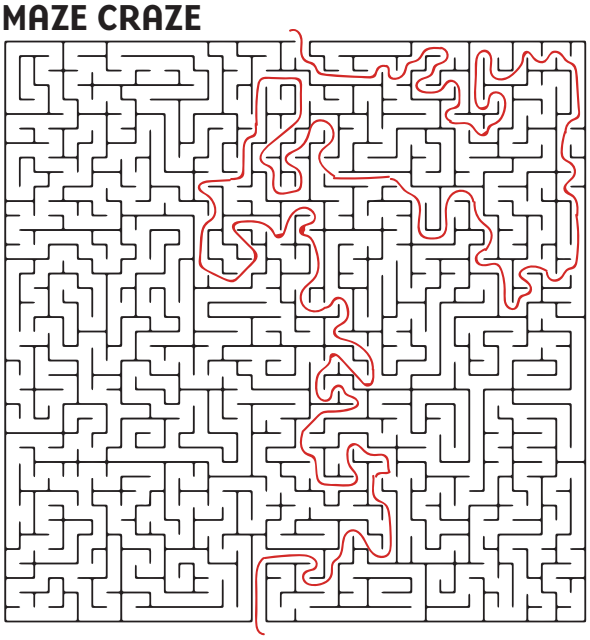


WHAT DOES THE MESSAGE SAY?

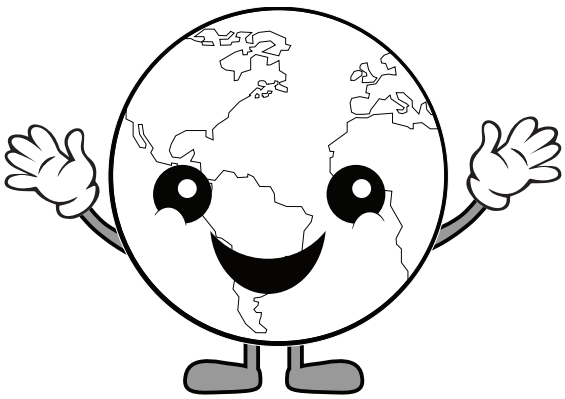
RECYCLE TODAY FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!

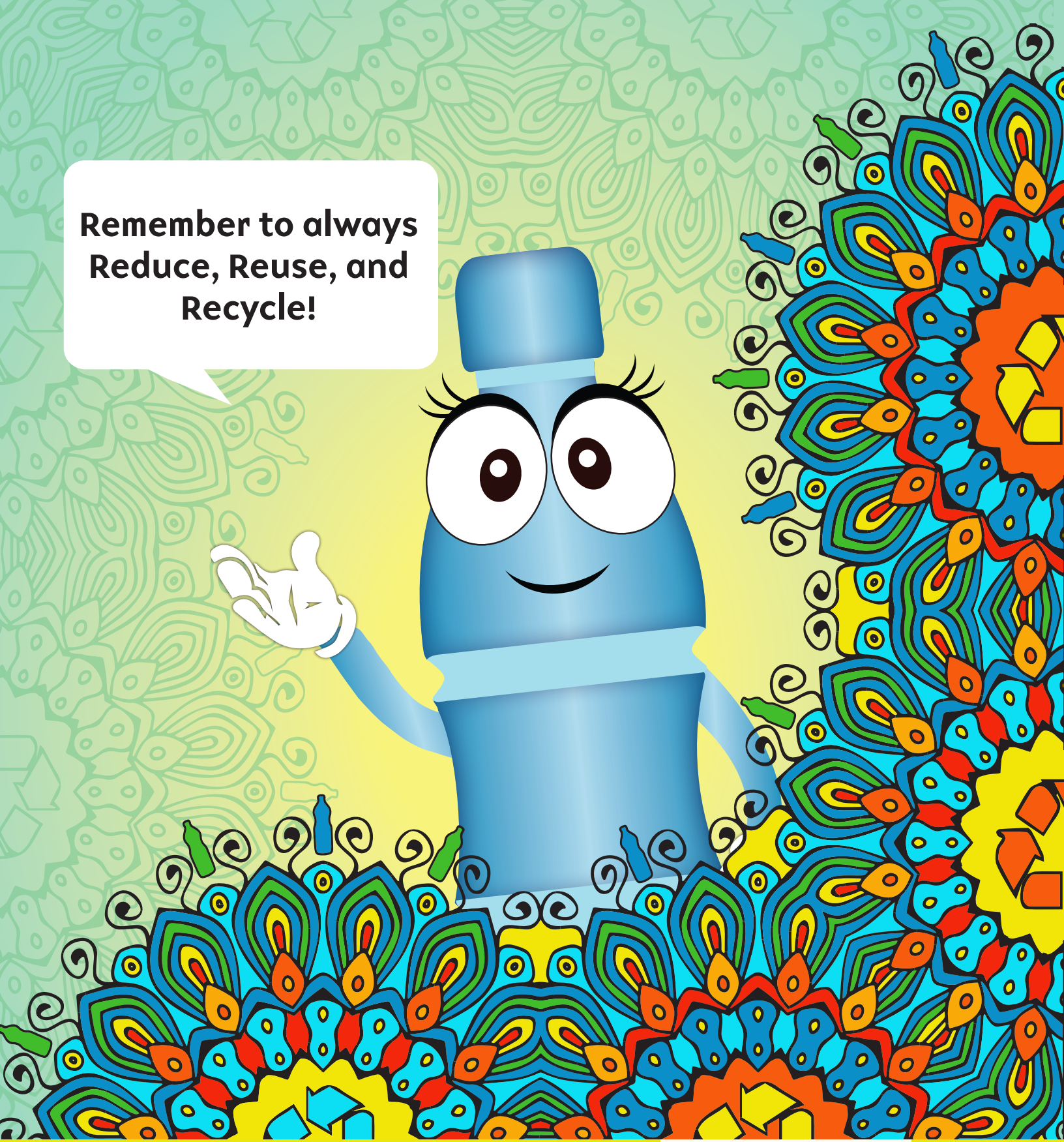
MAZE CRAZE



WORD SCRAMBLE

1. PAPER	6.NEWSPAPER
2. BOTTLES	7. REUSE
3. RECYCLE	8. PACKAGING
4. PLASTIC	9. REDUCE
5. WASTE	10. ENVIRONMENT





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