2ND GRADE READING · NONFICTION

Where Does Our Trash Go?

Name _____ Date _____

Nonfiction | 140 words | Main topic and key details

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1. Every day, families throw things away: boxes, bottles, cans and food scraps. Where does it all go?

2. Some trash goes to a **landfill.** A **landfill** is a huge hole in the ground where trash is buried. Trash in a **landfill** can stay there for a very long time. A plastic bottle may take hundreds of years to break down.

3. Recycling helps. When we **recycle,** old things are made into new things. Paper can be made into new paper. Cans can be melted and made into new cans. Some plastic bottles can even become fabric for clothes.

4. Food scraps like apple cores and banana peels can be composted. In a **compost** pile, tiny living things break the food down into rich soil for gardens.

5. You can help, too. Sort your trash, **recycle** what you can, and use things more than once.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Where Does Our Trash Go?: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the text to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. What is a landfill?

- (a) a recycling truck
- (b) a huge hole where trash is buried
- (c) a kind of garden

2. What can old cans be made into?

(a) food (b) new cans (c) soil

3. What happens to food scraps in a compost pile?

(a) they break down into soil (b) they become paper (c) they turn into plastic

2 True or false? Circle one.

A plastic bottle breaks down in a few days.	True	False
Paper can be made into new paper.	True	False
Compost helps gardens grow.	True	False

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Where Does Our Trash Go?: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

landfill	○	○	make old things into new things
recycle	○	○	rotted food and plants that feed the soil
compost	○	○	a place where trash is buried

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

Name two things you can do to make less trash.

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3 Draw and label something you learned.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: Where Does Our Trash Go?

1 Circle the best answer

1. b) a huge hole where trash is buried
2. b) new cans
3. a) they break down into soil

2 True or false

False: A plastic bottle breaks down in a few days.

True: Paper can be made into new paper.

True: Compost helps gardens grow.

3 Word meanings

landfill: a place where trash is buried

recycle: make old things into new things

compost: rotted food and plants that feed the soil

4 Written answer (sample)

Any two of: recycle, compost food scraps, sort trash, use things more than once.

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