

Recycling





Aim

- I can explain the process of recycling.

Success Criteria

- I can identify materials that can be recycled.
- I can tell you how you can recycle materials.
- I can tell you how plastic materials are sorted and changed into new products.
- I can give reasons why it's important to recycle.

What is Recycling?



What does recycling mean?

How can you recycle?

Do you recycle at home? How?

Do you recycle at school? How?

What do you think happens to the materials we recycle?

Is it important to recycle? Why or why not?

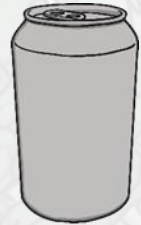




What Can Be Recycled?



- Paper and Cardboard - such as newspaper and cardboard boxes
- Plastic – such as yoghurt pots and milk bottles
- Metal – such as cans
- Glass – such as bottles and jars
- Clothes – such as jumpers and trousers
- Garden Waste - such as grass cuttings
- Food – such as apple cores and leftovers



How to Recycle



Different areas of the country recycle using slightly different systems but the goal is the same - to recycle as much as possible.

How do you recycle at home?

How do you recycle at school?



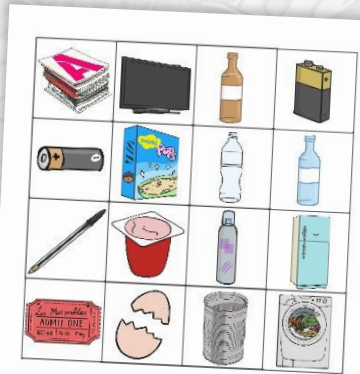
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Sort It Out!

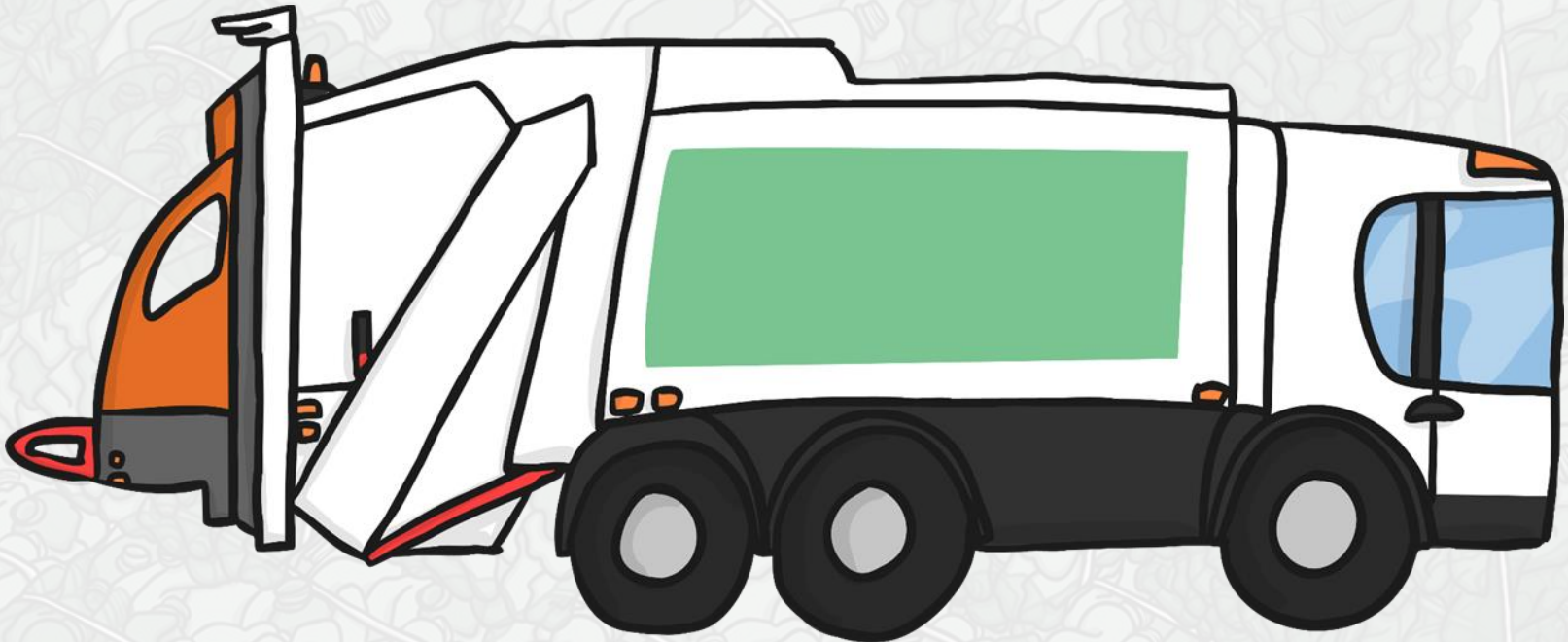


With a family member or a friend on video chat, sort the items into the appropriate place.



The Recycling Process

Your household recycling is collected and taken to a recycling depot.



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The bottles are separated from other rubbish by people, machines or a mix of both.



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After the materials have been sorted, they are sent to a reprocessing factory to be recycled and made into new products.

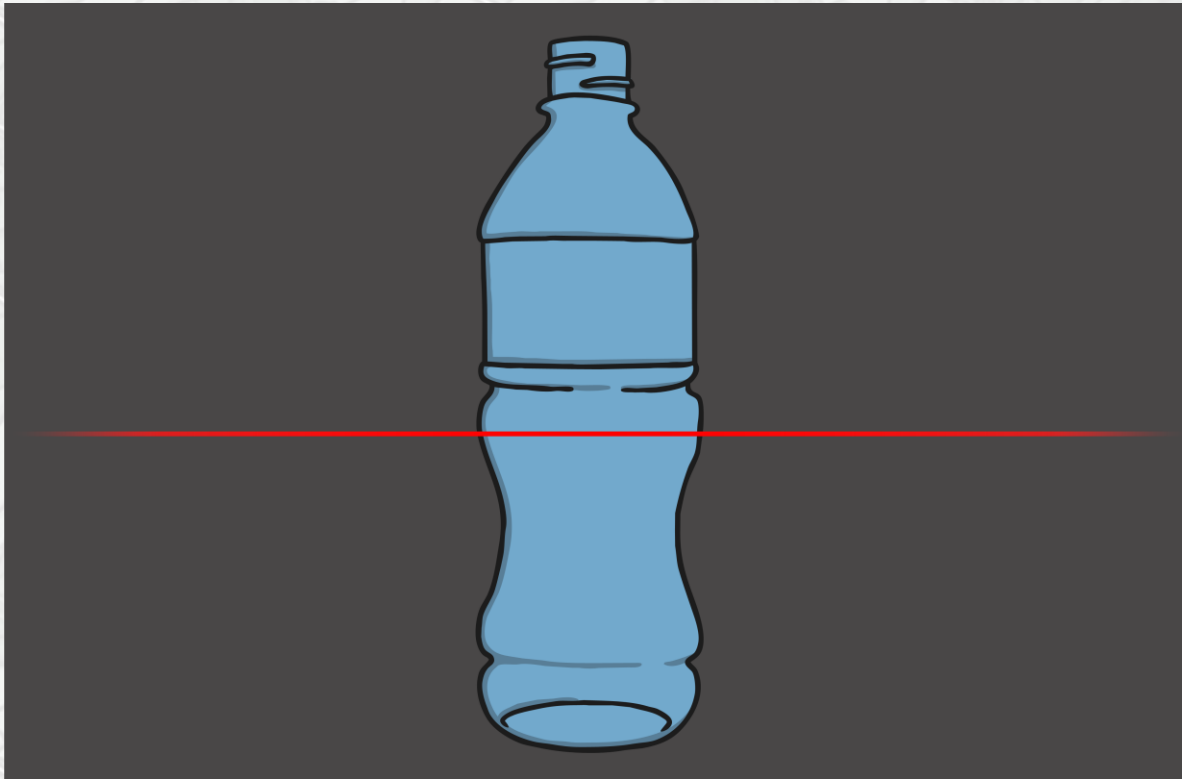
In the reprocessing factory the plastic bottles are washed.



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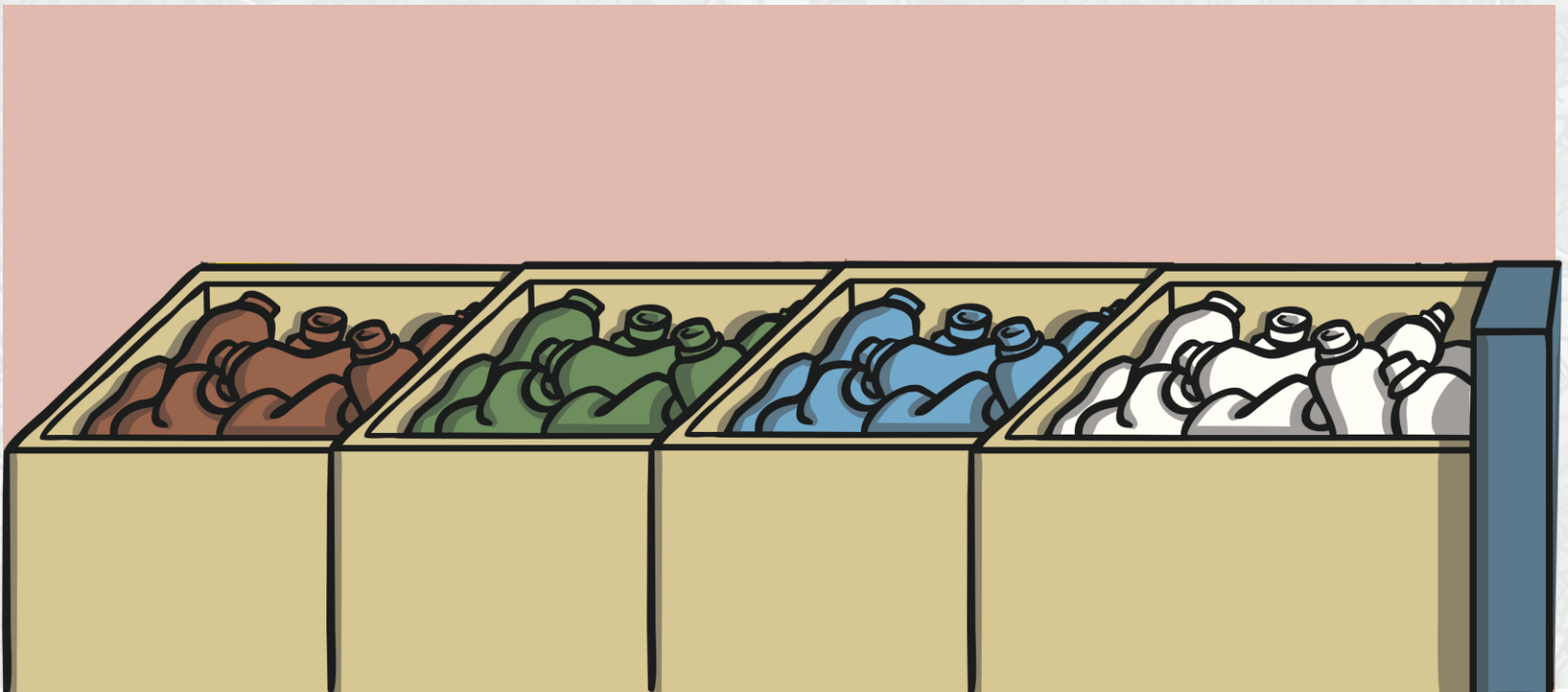
The bottles are then sorted by plastic type using a special process called infrared.



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The bottles are then sorted by colour e.g. brown, blue green and natural.



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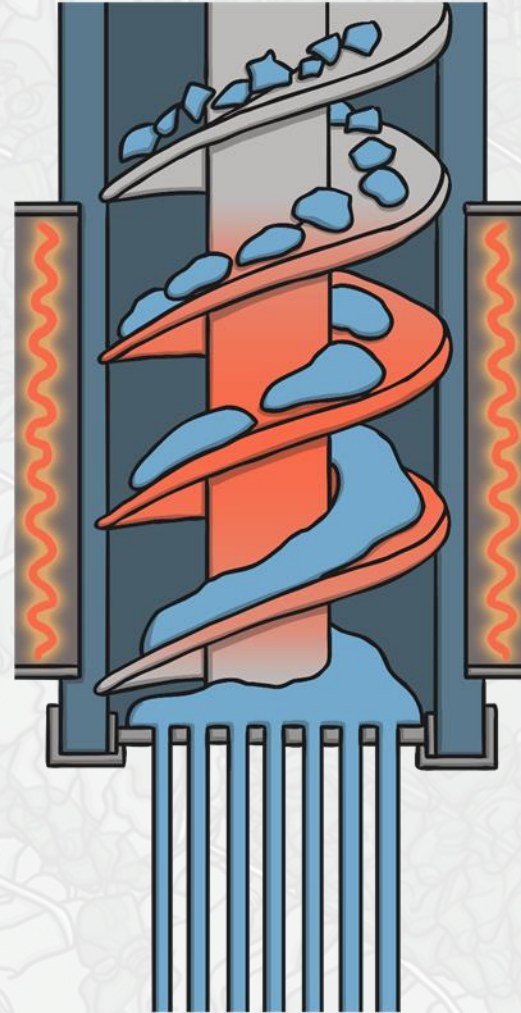
The bottles are shredded.



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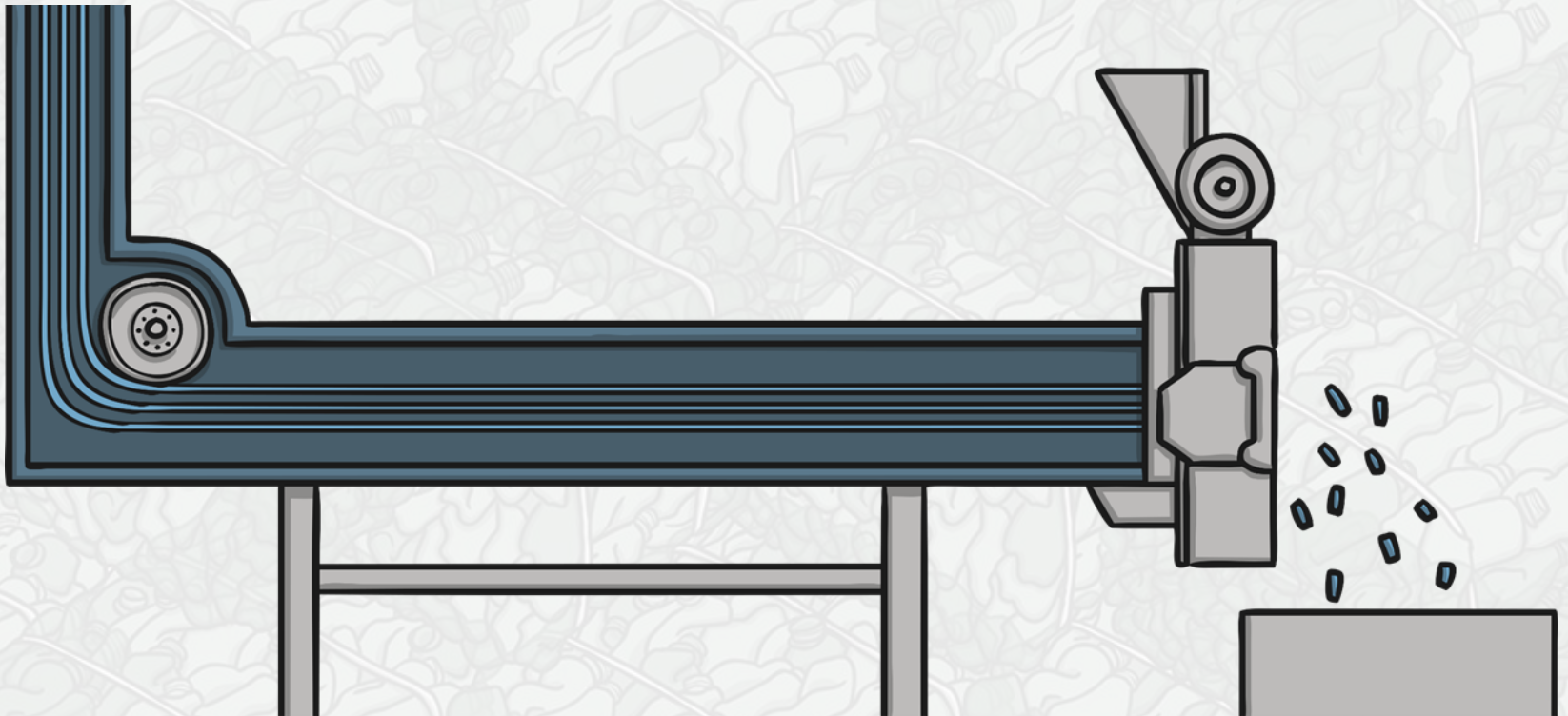
The shredded bottle pieces are melted.



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Pellets are made from the melted, shredded plastic bottles.



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New items like carrier bags and more plastic bottles are made. The pellets can then be used to make new items like plastic fencing, carrier bags or new plastic bottles.



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Recycling helps us to use less raw materials, reduces landfill and also reduces the amount of damaging greenhouse gases release.



Look at the arrows in the recycling symbol. What do the arrows represent?

Why is it important to recycle?