



Recycling

People can make a positive difference in the world by recycling. Recycling is the act of turning waste into reusable materials. Recycling has many positive effects on the environment. First of all, recycling reduces the amount of trash in landfills. If we don't recycle, then landfills will become too full with trash and debris. Also, when trash is placed in landfills, greenhouse gases go into the atmosphere. Greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere and make the Earth warmer. When people recycle, less trash goes into the landfill, so less greenhouse gases are released. This helps the environment. In addition, recycling makes it possible for people to use items like metal and rubber over and over again. In doing so, natural resources are conserved, or saved. Finally, recycling cuts down on water and air pollution by decreasing the number of pollutants that are released into the environment. Recycling is one of the most effective ways to have a positive impact on the environment.

1. What is recycling?
 - A. Turning waste into reusable materials.
 - B. Completely eliminating trash.
 - C. Discarding scrap metals.
2. If people do not recycle, what will the impact be on landfills?
 - D. Landfills will reduce in size.
 - E. Landfills will increase in size.
 - F. There will be no impact on landfills.
3. Why is recycling natural materials beneficial?
 - A. More people have access to the items.
 - B. Natural resources are conserved.
 - C. People can purchase the products at a reduced rate.
4. Based on the passage, what impact do greenhouse gases have the environment?
 - D. They make the Earth warmer.
 - E. They lead to health issues.
 - F. They make the Earth colder.
5. How does recycling cut down on water and air pollution?
 - A. Recycling does not need water.
 - B. Recycling adds clean air to the environment.
 - C. Recycling decreases the amount of pollutants released into the environment.
6. Based on this passage, you can conclude that...
 - D. Soon, people will no longer need to recycle.
 - E. Recycling can have negative effects on the environment.
 - F. The Earth benefits from recycling.
7. What is something you learned about recycling?

Transfer your answer to space #7 on the coloring page. Then, color the space any color.

Use this key in combination with the answers you selected about recycling to design the image below. Once you have drawn the patterns in the correct place you can then color it however you choose.

If the Answer Is	Use this Pattern	If the Answer Is	Use this Pattern
A		D	
B		E	
C		F	

If the space is blank you can color it any solid color you want to!

