



What a Waste (45 minute Activity)



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Overview

'What a Waste' is a 45 minute activity that encourages students to play an active role in reducing the amount of waste they personally generate at home and school.

The activity follows the daily routines of two students, Reggie and Rachel, and a number of common situations that ultimately result in a bin load of rubbish by the days end.

Students brainstorm solutions to assist Reggie and Rachel with their waste problem, and in doing so, discuss the application of refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. At the completion of the story students sort the rubbish into the correct categories to see first-hand the effect of their actions on Reggie and Rachel's rubbish.

Note: This activity requires a data projector, speakers and computer to run the PowerPoint presentation. A space is also required to accommodate the students sitting on the floor with room to move.



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Curriculum Intent

Science – Chemical Sciences

- Prep: Objects are made of materials that have observable properties (ACSSU003)
- Year 1: Everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways (ACSSU018)
- Year 2: Different materials can be combined, included by mixing, for a particular purpose (ACSSU031)
- Year 3: A change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat (ACSSU046)

Sustainability (Cross curriculum priority)

Sustainable futures result from actions designed to preserve and/or restore the quality and uniqueness of environments. (OI.9)