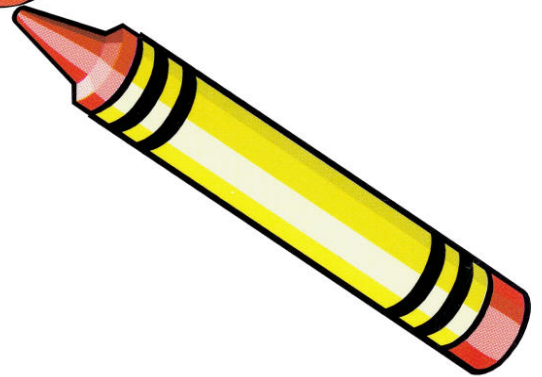
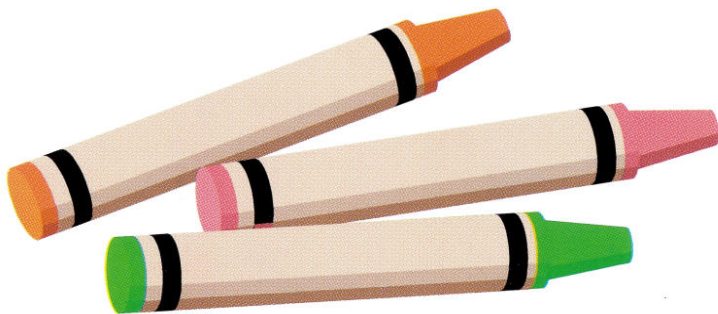




Environmental Activity and Coloring Book



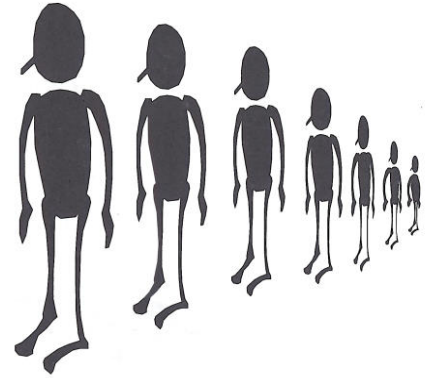
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How Much Trash Do We Make?



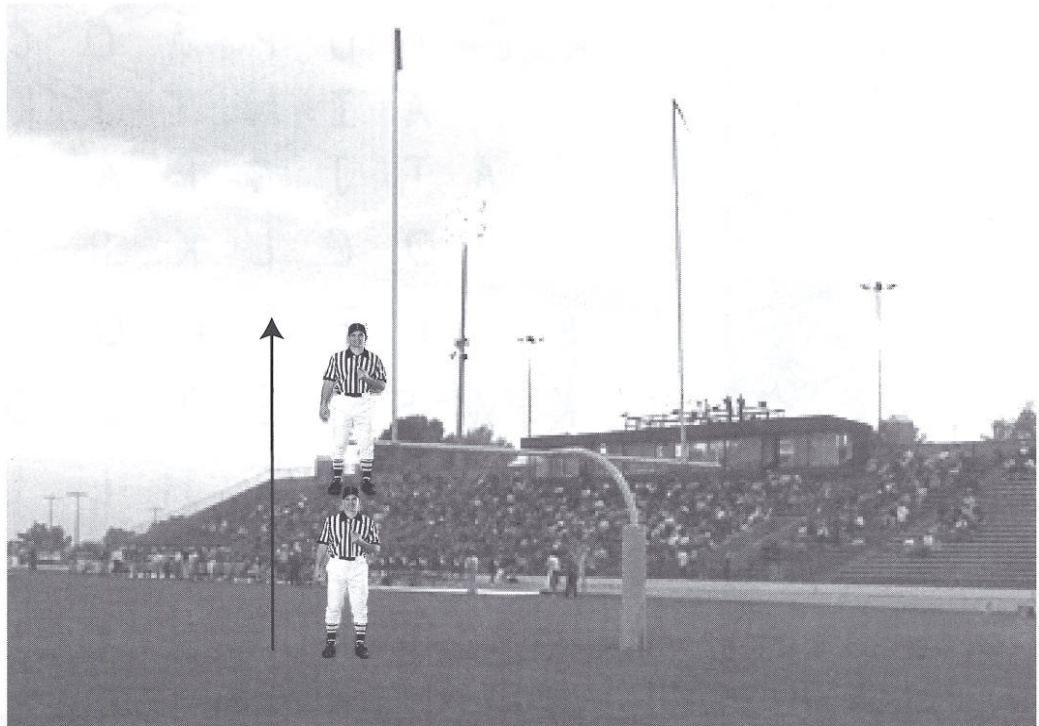
Each person in Maryland makes about 7 pounds of trash everyday.

There are over 5 million people in Maryland.



In just one day, Marylanders make enough trash to fill a football field 12 foot high!

That's a lot of waste!



Turn the pages to see how you can reduce the amount of trash you throw away and help our environment.

Look in the Landfill

You can reduce the amount of trash you throw away by reusing, recycling, or donating materials instead of throwing them away. The following is a list of items that can be reused, recycled or donated instead of thrown away in the landfill. See how many you can find.

BOTTLE

COMPUTER

TOYS

TIRE

JAR

PAINT

TIN

STEEL

WOOD

COUCH

CLOTHES

BAGS

NEWSPAPER

OIL

CAN

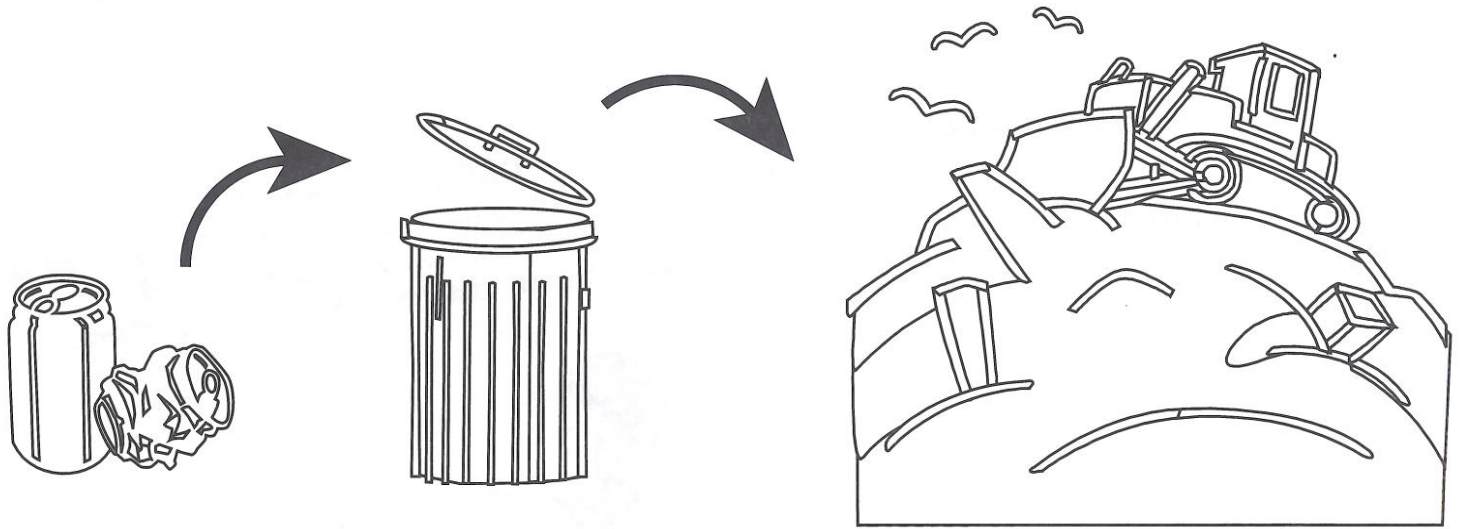
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BOOKS

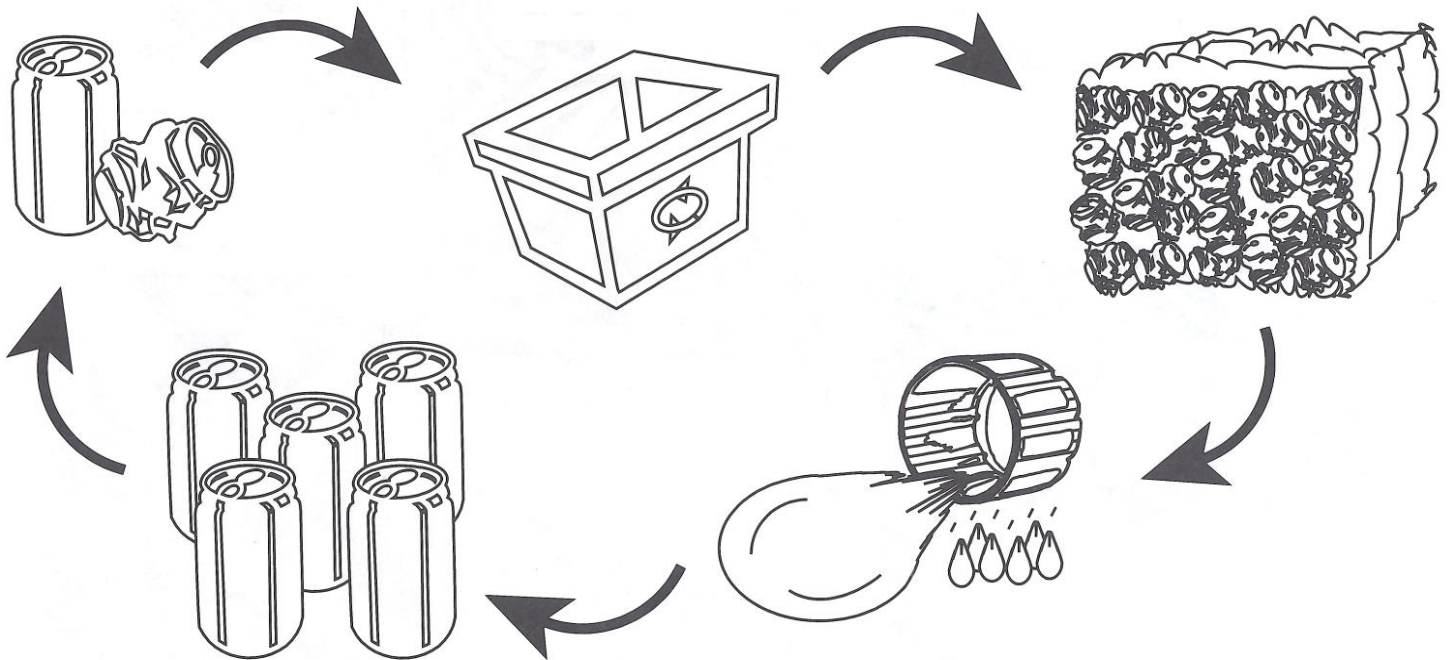


What happens to my Soda Can?

If you throw your aluminum can in the trash, it will go to a landfill and stay there for 500 years!

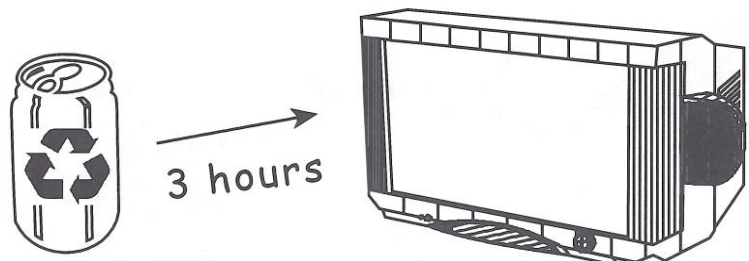


If you recycle your can, it will be crushed, melted, formed into a new can and put back on store shelves to buy again in just 6 weeks!



Did you know?

Recycling 1 soda can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours!



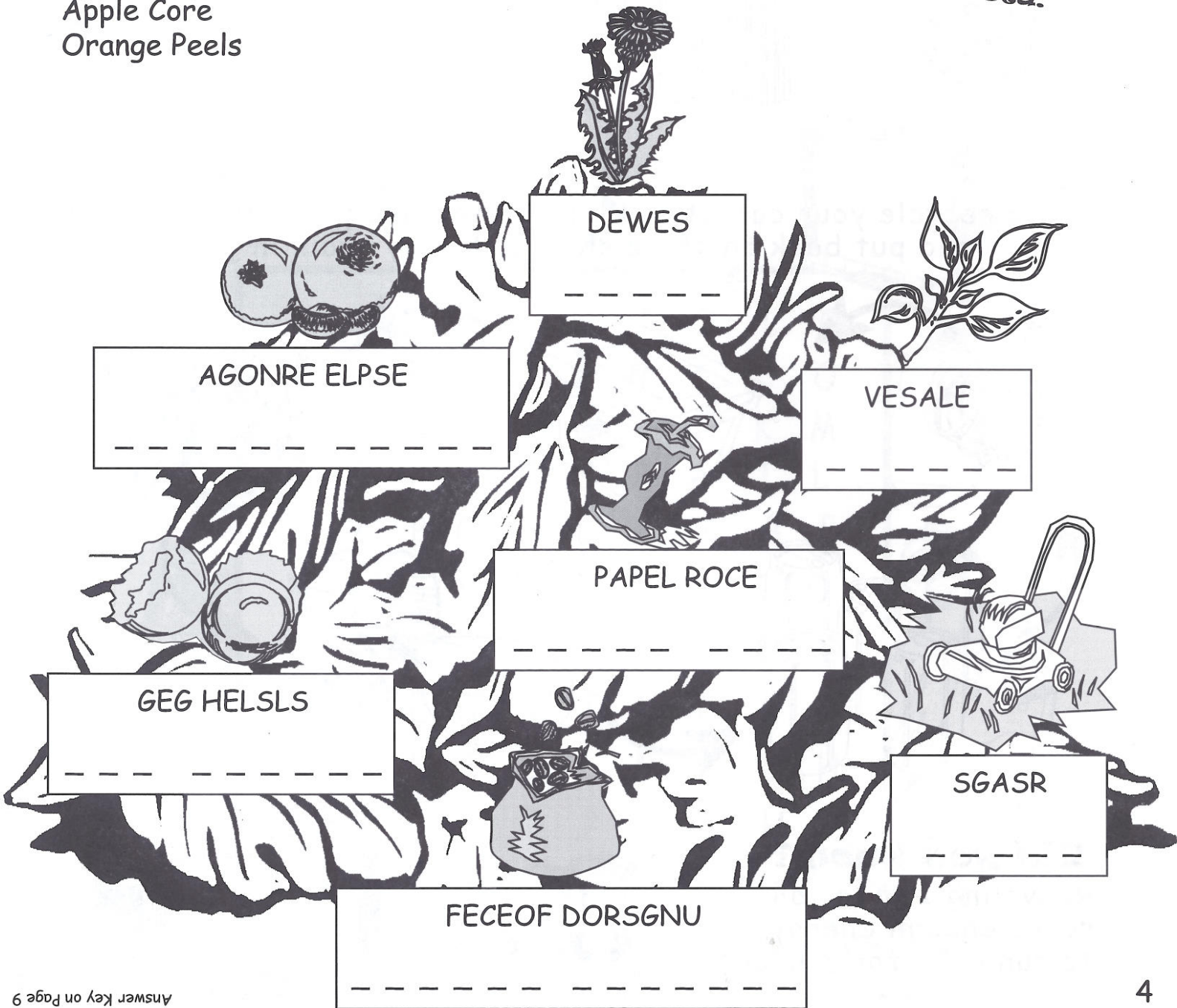
Compost Adds Up

Compost is a pile of decayed food scraps, leaves and grass that can be used in the garden as fertilizer. There are many things we throw away that can be used in a compost pile. Unscramble the words to find out what you can compost.

Choose from these words:

- Grass
- Coffee Grounds
- Egg Shells
- Weeds
- Apple Core
- Orange Peels

*Did you know?
Yard waste and food scraps make up
25% of the landfill space that could
have been saved if composted.*



DEWES

AGONRE ELPSE

VESALE

PAPEL ROCE

GEG HELSLS

SGASR

FECEOF DORSGNU

Littering or carelessly throwing your trash on the ground or in the water causes materials to go into the storm drains and streams leading to the Chesapeake Bay. Littering and dumping is against the law and affects our drinking water and all the animals that live on the Bay.

1 quart of motor oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water

Ask your parents or teachers how you can help clean up litter.

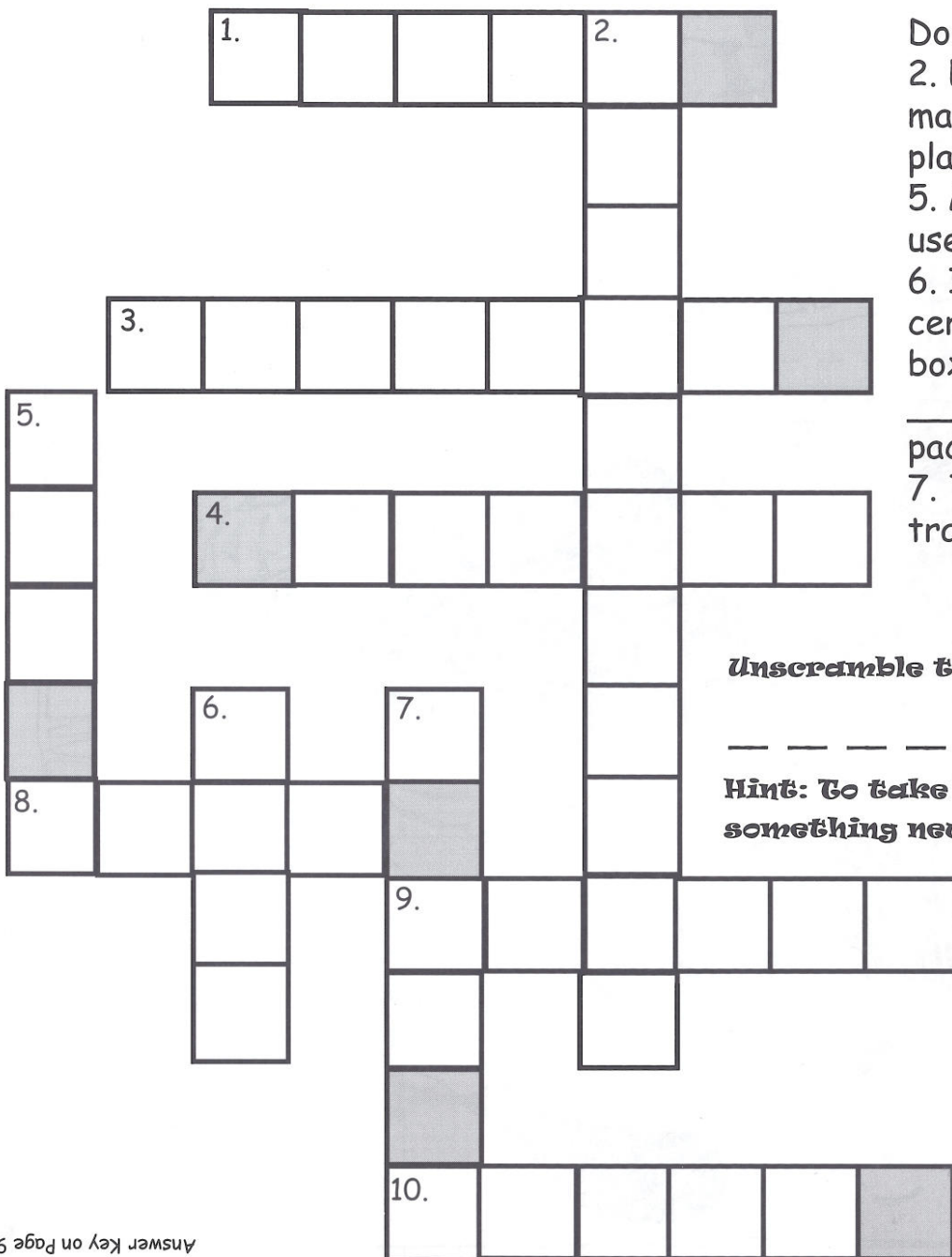
Tire piles attract rats and mosquitoes that spread disease.



Searching for Answers

Across

1. Trash thrown on the ground or in the water.
3. Where most of the trash that is not recycled goes. The less garbage we throw away, the less we need this.
4. A mixture of decayed food scraps, leaves and grass that can be used in the garden as fertilizer.
8. To use something over and over again.
9. When you give old toys, furniture, and clothes to charities, schools or friends instead of throwing them away. You ____ them.
10. Recycling or turning off lights when you walk out of the room saves this.



Down

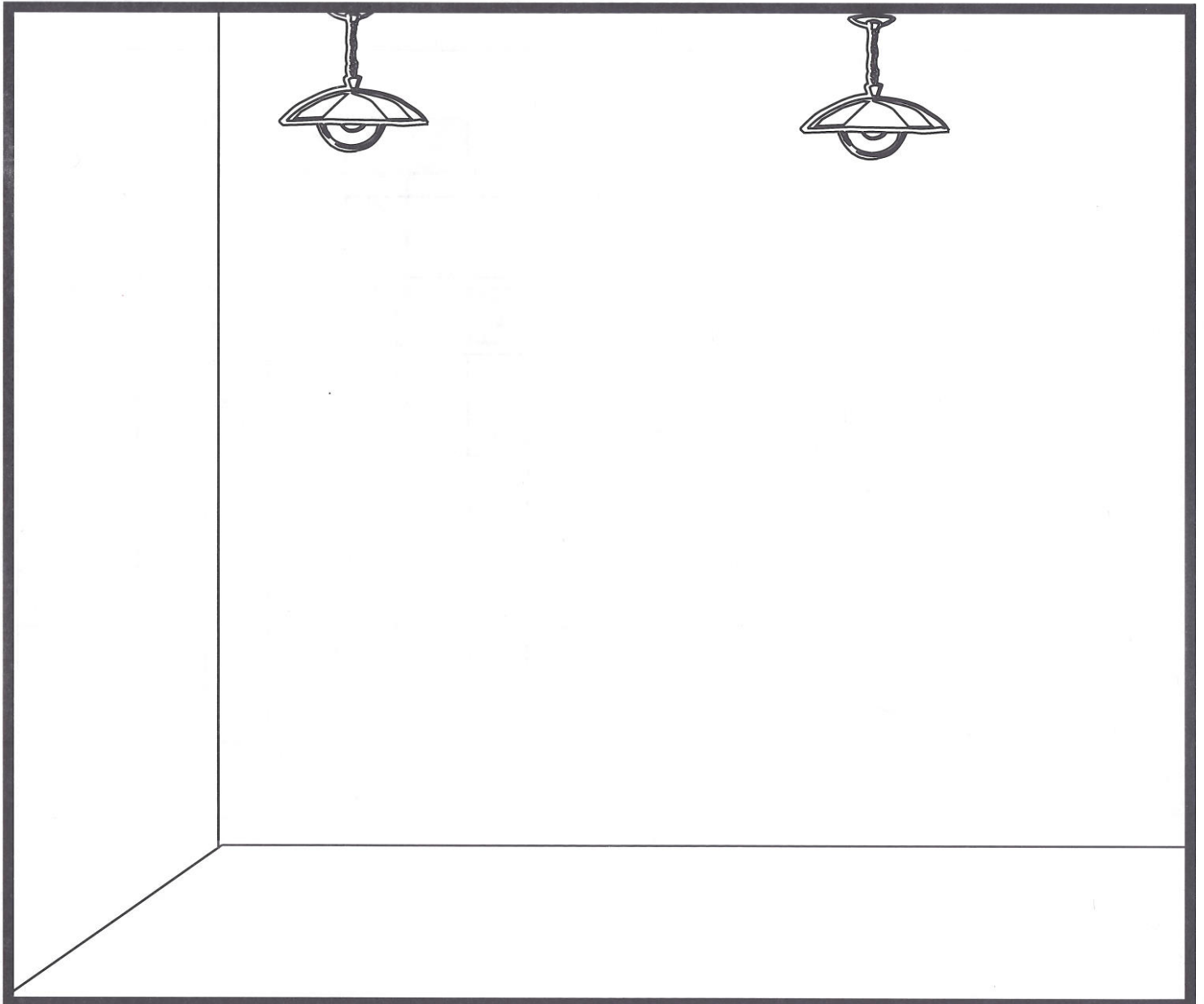
2. Everything around you that is made up of air, water, land, plants, animals and people.
5. Material made from wood and used for writing or printing.
6. If you buy one large box of cereal instead of many small boxes, then you are buying in ____ to reduce waste and packaging.
7. To decrease the amount of trash you throw away.

Unscramble the letters in the gray boxes

Hint: To take trash and turn it into something new

Buy Recycled Store

Many of the items we recycle can be made into new products. Plastic bottles can be turned into T-shirts and deck lumber, cardboard into cereal boxes and egg cartons, tires into garden hoses and much more. Draw and display some of the items listed and others that contain recycled content in the storefront window below.

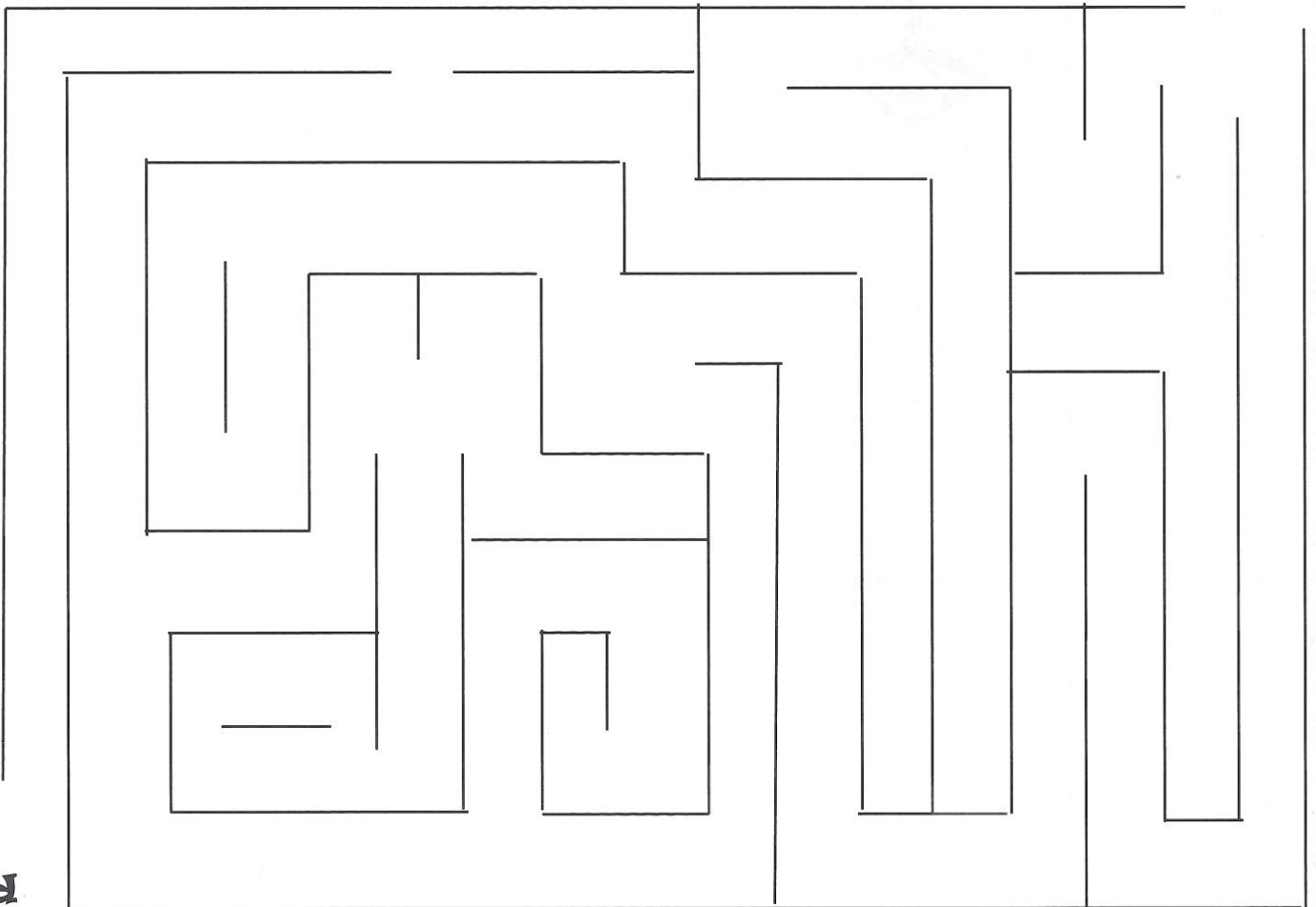


Twist and Turn Tires

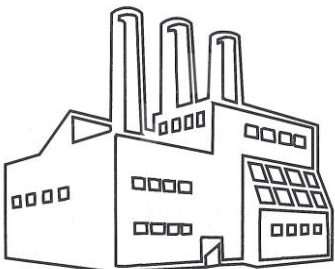
Scrap tires should not be kept in the backyard. Instead, scrap tires should be taken to a licensed facility to be recycled and used as horse stall mats, highway soundwall barriers, shoe tread and playgrounds. Help these tires get to the recycling facility to be recycled.



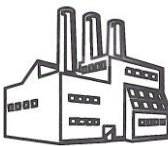
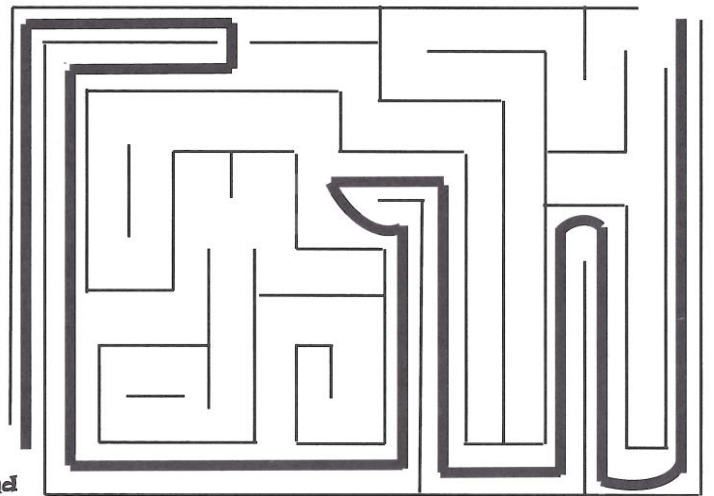
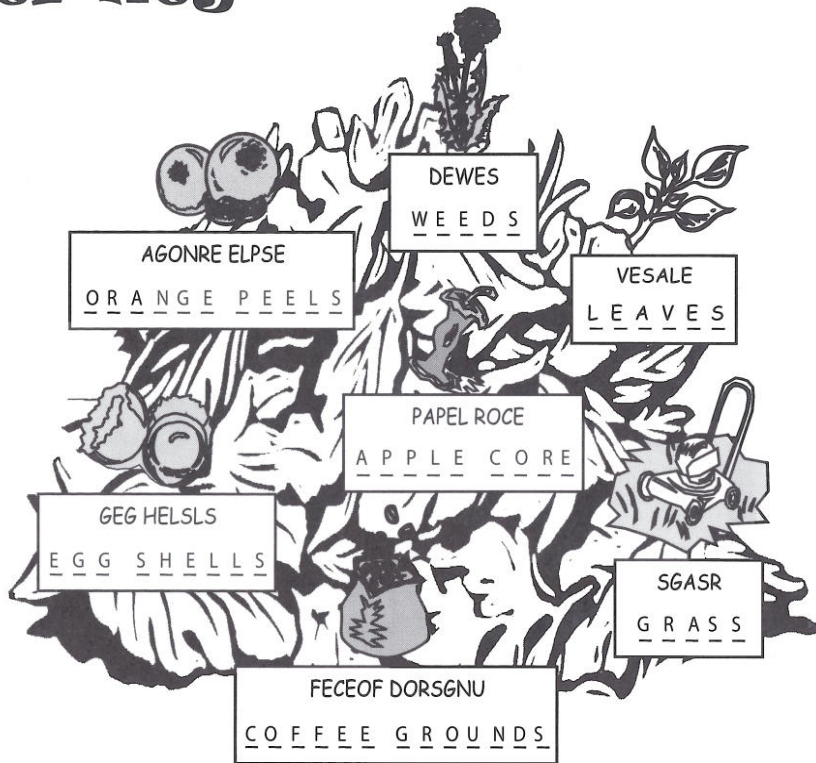
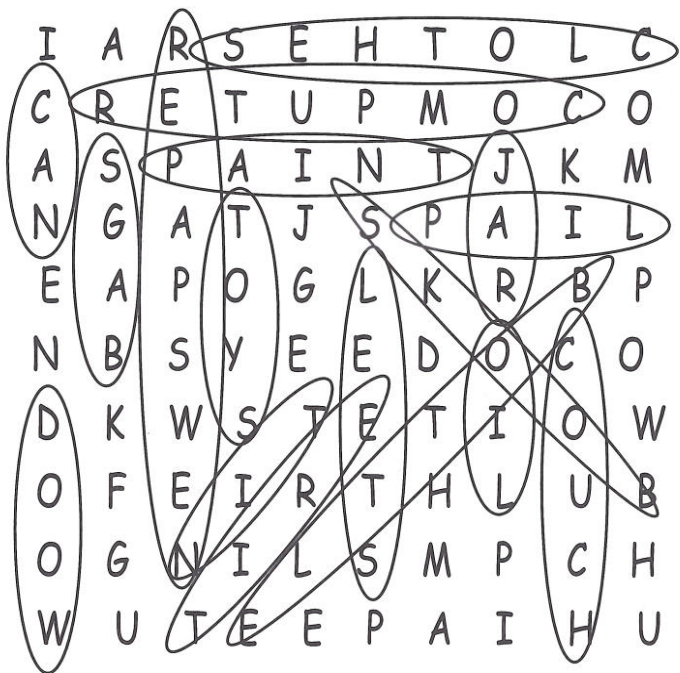
Start



End



Answer Key



Unscramble the letters in the gray boxes
R E C Y C L E

Hint: To take trash and turn it into something new

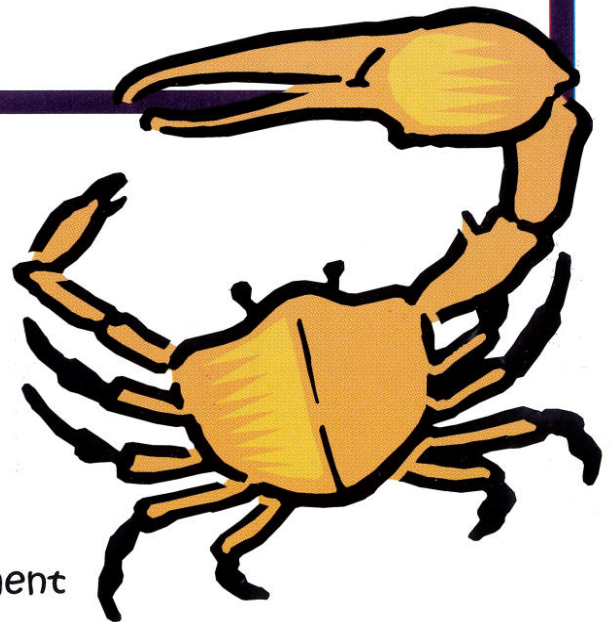
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I promise to do my best
to reduce, reuse and
recycle at home and
at school.

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