



Written Language:

Storing knowledge

Paper recycling: what can you do?

Roughly 25% of all school waste is paper. How is your school doing? How are you doing? With a partner start to gather information for a class discussion about paper use and recycling in your school.

Some questions to start thinking about:

About you:

- how many pieces of paper have you used over the last week?
- were they all necessary?
- do you fill the page when you use paper or end up with lots of empty space?
- do you use scrap paper or good paper just to scribble on?
- do you use a fresh piece of paper every time you make a little mistake?



About your school:

- are worksheets printed on both sides or just one?
- does the school provide scrap paper?
- is there a recycling bin for paper in every classroom?
- do students usually use recycling bins?

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a Once you have gathered some information and thought about it suggest three things you will do to produce less waste paper.

b

Now suggest three ways your school can reduce the amount of paper it wastes. Be ready to back up your ideas in a whole class discussion.

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Write your ideas on the board or flip charts at the front of the class. There will be four sections so make sure your ideas go in the right section.

Things I can do to use less paper	Things the school can do to use less paper
Things I can do to recycle more paper	Things the school can do to recycle more paper

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a As a class vote on the three best ideas from each section.

b

How could you make sure these things actually happen?