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WALT: Find out what mistakes people make when recycling

Homework for Years 5&6

It was a beautiful day, so Tina's family went for a picnic in the park. It was so hot that they ran out of drinks and had to buy some water bottles from the kiosk. On their way home, they put the water bottles in the recycling bin alongside their crisp packets.

They were tired when they got home, so decided to order a takeaway for dinner. It was piping hot when it arrived in lots of recyclable plastic containers. The food was delicious, so they wolfed it down and put all of the messy containers straight in the recycling bin without rinsing them.

The next day, Tina and her brother were told to clean up their bedrooms. They grabbed a big black bin bag and threw all of their rubbish in it. Tina found an old banana skin under her bed - gross! She put it straight in the bin bag, and then took the bin bag outside to the rubbish wheelie bin.

To find out what you can and can't recycle please visit:
recyclenow.com/locator

Investigate 3 things that Tina's family got wrong when recycling.

This could be:

- Throwing something away in the rubbish bin that could be recycled
- Putting something that can't be recycled in the recycling
- Not rinsing dirty recycling
- Forgetting to recycle something from the bathroom or bedroom
- Forgetting to separate food waste

What did Tina's family do wrong?	Can this item be recycled?	Which bag, box or bin should it go in in your house?	How could Tina's family remember to do better next time?



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Can you write a persuasive argument to tell others about the importance of recycling?

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Persuasive writing checklist

Have you used:	facts and evidence to back up your argument?	✓
	a strong introduction to grab the reader's attention?	✓
	linking words and phrases to create cohesion in your writing (e.g. firstly, secondly, yet, another point)?	✓
Challenge! Have you:	used a range of persuasive devices, like rhetorical questions?	✓

Facts and figures to include

It takes around 95% less energy to make products from recycled materials than from raw materials.

Recycling one drink can could save enough energy to power a TV for four hours!

If everyone in the UK recycled one toothpaste box, it would save enough energy to run a fridge in over 2,000 homes for a year.

In the UK, we recycle 60% of glass packaging - but that means 40% is going to landfill.

Once you are happy with your argument, read it out loud to someone at home.

How persuasive do they find your argument?

1 not persuaded	2	3	4	5 totally persuaded!	Comment:
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