

## The do's and don'ts of recycling

Give the learners the flashcards, in groups and get them to discuss if they think the items can be recycled. Start by discussing what recycling means and asking learners if they recycle at home.

Key language-

- ....can be recycled.
  - .....can't be recycled.
  - Higher level learners can add 'because' .....
- ✓ Use the internet to look up pictures of items learners do not know, to give them a visual.

The trick to this activity is that none of these items are recyclable! Use this activity to highlight the issues we face with recycling.

Additional activities-

- Learners can create a poster informing people about what can and can't be recycled. Ask them to Google items that can be recycled (higher level learners)
- Conversation practice- Ask learners to discuss the conversation questions in pairs

Materials sourced from-

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/mar/16/which-items-cant-be-recycled-plastic-bags-coffee-cups>

[https://www.thisiseco.co.uk/news\\_and\\_blog/5\\_Things\\_You\\_Didnt\\_Know\\_You\\_Cant\\_Recycle.html](https://www.thisiseco.co.uk/news_and_blog/5_Things_You_Didnt_Know_You_Cant_Recycle.html)

[www.projecttesol.co.uk](http://www.projecttesol.co.uk)



<b>Kitchen roll</b>	<b>Non-paper gift wrap</b>	<b>Plastic bags</b>
<b>Tissues</b>	<b>Straws</b>	<b>Greasy takeaway pizza boxes</b>
<b>Foil packaging, such as pet food pouches</b>	<b>Photo paper</b>	<b>Nail varnish bottles</b>
<b>Crisp packets</b>	<b>Post-it notes</b>	<b>Plastic toys</b>
<b>Hand soap dispenser tops</b>	<b>Takeaway coffee cops</b>	<b>Sticky tape</b>

#### Conversation questions ideas

- ✓ Do you recycle at home?
- ✓ Which things do you recycle at home?
- ✓ Why should we recycle?
- ✓ Do you use lots of plastic at home?
- ✓ Do you recycle old clothes?

