2. Recycling creates less _____ in the air.
3. If we create less garbage, our communities can _____ landfill space.
5. Taking things that would be _____ and reusing them is a great way to help save the Earth.
7. It takes less _____ to make a new product from recycled materials than it does from raw materials.
10. _____ must recycle in order to make the world a better place.

1. Recycling saves natural _____.
4. Recycling, instead of littering, protects _____.
6. _____ never wears out, it can be recycled forever.
8. Recycling helps keep fewer materials from going to the _____.
9. You can save _____ by reusing your water bottle.
11. Recycling lets us reuse _____ instead of having to get more from the Earth all over again.
12. It takes 20 times more energy to make an _____ can from new materials than from recycled materials.

USE THESE WORDS
- aluminum
- garbage
- landfill
- resources
- everyone
- save
- money
- energy
- animals
- materials
- pollution
- glass
What words pop into your mind when you think about recycling? Well, some of those words are hidden in the word search game below. Look for the words listed beneath the game below. The words are hidden up, down, backward, forward and diagonally. Circle the words you find.

1. Animals
2. Stop littering
3. Recycling
4. Saves energy
5. Natural resources
6. Trees
7. Oil
8. Plastic
9. Glass
10. Aluminum
11. Clean air
12. Money
13. Landfill
14. Close the loop
15. Buy recycled

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Reduce means finding ways to decrease, or lessen, the amount of garbage we throw away. Reducing the amount of garbage you throw away is important because we are running out of landfill space to put our garbage!

### You Can Reduce Trash By:

- Buying items that use LITTLE or NO packaging. This reduces the amount of material used to make packaging, and cuts down the amount of trash we produce.
- Keep in mind though, most packaging made of paper or cardboard is recyclable.
- Buying items in BULK (large amount) will also reduce trash.

### Ways You Can Reduce:

- Use a reusable lunch box or bag instead of a paper bag to carry your lunch. You won’t have to throw away a paper bag every day.
- When you make a purchase, don’t take a bag unless you need one. (Be sure you get the receipt!)
- Rent items you use infrequently, rather than purchase them.
- Wrap your gifts in a cloth bag so it can be used over again. (Wrapping paper won’t end up in our landfills!)
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.
- Use a sponge or cloth rag instead of paper towels.
- Always look for items with little or no packaging.
- Use reusable plastic containers for food instead of plastic bags.
- Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones.
- Go to the library to read your favorite magazine, book or newspaper rather than purchase them.
- Use plates, cups and utensils you can wash instead of paper plates, cups and plastic utensils that you throw away.
- Purchase items in concentrate (such as juice and detergent) when possible.
- Choose products in recyclable or refillable containers.
- Avoid buying food items in single serve packaging.
Reuse means finding ways to use things over and over again instead of throwing them away. By reusing, we are saving our precious landfill space and, equally important, we are saving natural resources and materials it would take to make a new product.

Here are some examples of reusing:

- Refill your plastic drink containers with water or another favorite beverage.
- Use both sides of your paper before recycling it.
- Purchase a book from a used bookstore.
- Have a broken item repaired rather than purchasing a new item.
- Sell or donate things instead of throwing them away.
Can you believe that some people think the only thing you can reuse is your toothbrush? We know better, don’t we? All the items listed here are examples of things we use everyday that we can reuse over and over and over and over and over (well, you get the idea). See how many of the items you can find in the word search. Circle each word you find!

Boxes
Bubble Wrap
Butter Containers
Cloth Diapers
Clothes
Coffee Cans
Decorations
Dish Towels
Foil
Glass Jars
Lunch Boxes
Magazines
Ribbon
Paper
Shoes
Soda Bottles
Wrapping Paper
All of these can be made from recycled materials.

How many can you find hidden below?

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YOB
NSYP
ZHENSA
LOTAPQFRMR
MENORANLEBK
RSCTGUPIONWNXB
VANNCHEKORZCFGE
OTSNAENVDRDHIDSN
KRULERFVJUOMPCLYRBWC
QEKRMLQOXSEBKAJETPJGH
CDDBESCMLNWYTWLYXWCKL
ONEGABNIPOAEUHIWANMITDRN
NISCMNRMLOSPCLOTHINGBHQMEO
TBLQKOOBCATBEKSVCPICNICTABLEP