

Name of Lesson: Properties and Changes of materials

Key Stage Level: KS2 Subject: Science Prepared By: Diane Green Time: 45-60mins

Overview & Purpose:

- To identify common materials and compare and group them based on their properties.
- What types of materials are recyclable and how they are used and reused?
- Why some materials are more recyclable than others.
- The energy it takes to recycle certain materials.
- What happens to materials that cannot be recycled?

(NOTE: This lesson plan can be tailored to various needs)

Education Standards Addressed:

This lesson covers recyclable and non-recyclable materials, their properties and uses. What effect recycling has on materials and how much energy it takes to produce a recycled item compared to a new item. It covers how the treatment of some materials results into the formation of a new material and if this kind of change is permanent.

	Teacher Guide	
Site Tour	Site Tour	Materials Needed:
10-15 mins	 For Health and Safety Reasons, they can only go as far as the Control Room. Will need to split into groups. (NOTE: This ONLY applies if the group are visiting the facility) 	 Different types of plastic bottles and containers Glass bottle, recycled glass bottles glass items
Discussion	Recycling	 Aluminium drink cans and other non-
5 mins	 Recycling can save energy as it eliminates the need to make new materials from scratch. Recyclable items can be broken down and made into new items. (Show video if necessary) Non-recyclable items cannot, for example, wrapping paper with glitter or metallic looks (can use newspaper instead) – recycling contamination. 	iron metal itemsFood cans, iron nails other iron itemsNewspaperMagnets



Video 2 mins Activity 10-15mins	Another example is plastic cutlery, which cannot be recycled as it cannot be broken down (can use metal cutlery instead). Videos Animation: https://www.ubbgloucestershire.co.uk/education Facility Film: https://www.ubbgloucestershire.co.uk/resources Magnet Game Which metals are ferrous/non-ferrous? Grouping materials, for example, Aluminium is non-ferrous, and Steel is ferrous. (Use of magnets)	 Sand Plastic chips Wooden objects Fleece fabric Copper pipe 1p and 2p coins Bin Sort Activity: Pictures of waste items and recycling bin sheet Use the version according to which borough their school is located in.
Discussion 5-7 mins	 Metals Magnetic metals – any metal with iron in is ferrous, for example, steel. Non-ferrous metals include copper and aluminium. Link to reversible and irreversible changes would work well here. Link to quiz: https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/science/changing-materials/ 	Notes Office and construction from the foliage of t
Activity	4 R's challenge	Additional Notes:
10-15 mins	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recovery.	Animation:
Activity 10 mins	Bin Sort Game Split into the same groups to do a 'Bin Sort' using pictures of recyclable materials and then place them on the sheet in the various recycling bins, boxes or bags etc for their local council recycling.	 A film to demonstrate how an Energy- from-Waste plant works, and the journey to show how the non- recyclable waste (rubbish) travels.
Discussion (following the Bin Sort	 Where can the remaining items go? Recycling centre – large appliances, car batteries, electrical items, garden furniture 	Facility Film: ■ A film on how the different areas of the plant work, as explained by the



Game Activity) 5 mins	 Textile bank – clothes and shoes Soap bottle pumps – cannot be recycled Batteries – collection points Black plastic – can be recycled, but not scanned by the machines 	Operations and Maintenance team at Urbaser Environmental Ltd. Site Tour: Groups must be in a maximum of 10
Activity 10 mins	Quiz Links to other quizzes: https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/science/properties-of-materials/ https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/science/materials-vocabulary/	pupils. Activities: To be discussed with teachers.
Task	Health and Safety Poster. Information sheets will be given out. (NOTE: This also ONLY applies if the group are visiting the facility)	