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LET'S STOP LITTERING!

Hi, Kids!

You know me – I'm your friend, Earth. And there's something that really makes me sick. It's called LITTER!

Litter is stuff that should have been thrown into a garbage can or recycle bin, but is just dropped on the ground instead.

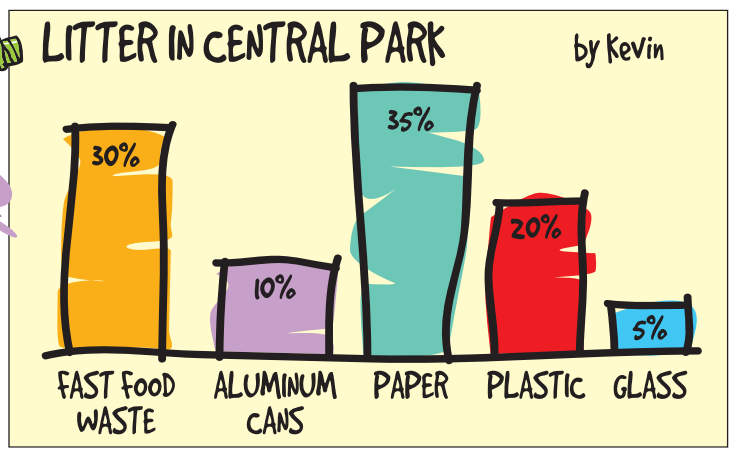
Litter causes all kinds of problems. It can clog up storm drains and cause flooding or pollute the waterways that are fed by storm drains. Some litter is dangerous, like broken glass and cans with jagged edges. And litter is ugly. When it's around your school or community, it looks like people just don't care about where they live.

Your friend, Earth

Litter Statistics

Kevin's class picked up litter at the park. He made a chart showing the percentages of the kinds of litter they found. Use the chart to answer these questions:

1. **What was the most common litter item found?**
   ❑ fast food waste ❑ plastic ❑ paper
2. **Was there more glass or plastic in the litter?**
   ❑ glass ❑ plastic
3. **What percentage of litter was plastic and paper?**
   ❑ 55% ❑ 45% ❑ 40%



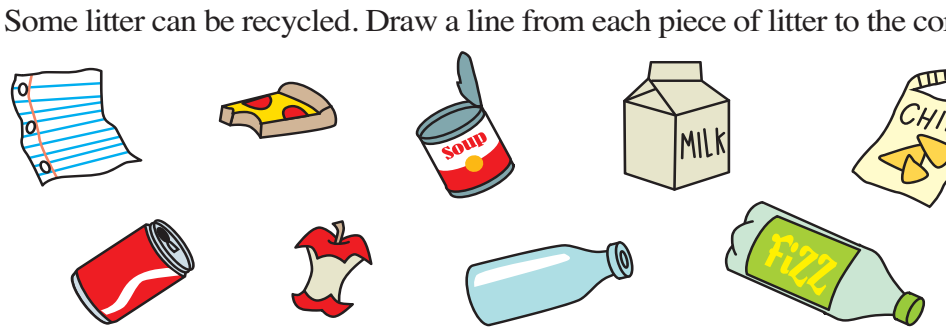
Lunchtime Litter

Look for litter in this picture. Can you find all of these items?

- ❑ plastic bottle
- ❑ plastic cap
- ❑ paper cup
- ❑ straw
- ❑ plastic fork
- ❑ paper
- ❑ chip bag
- ❑ cheese puffs
- ❑ soda can
- ❑ apple core

Sort the Litter

Some litter can be recycled. Draw a line from each piece of litter to the correct bin.



TRASH BIN
COMPOST BIN
RECYCLE BIN

Extra! Extra! Be Complete

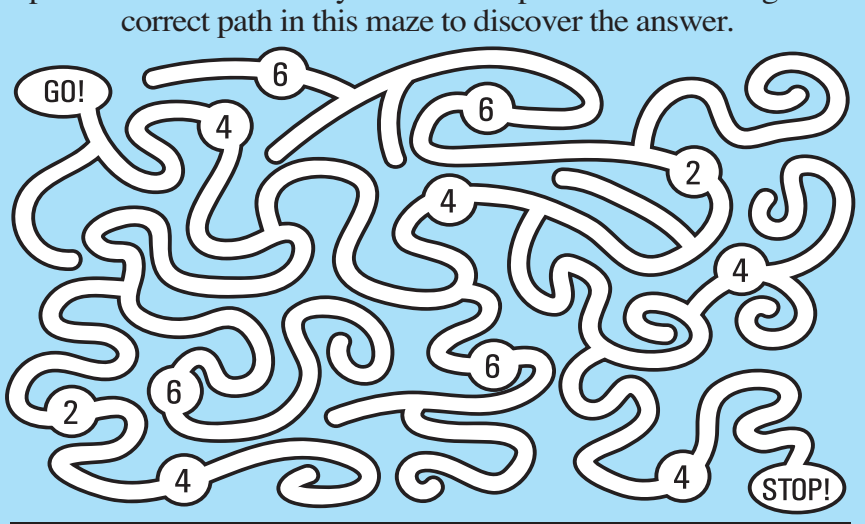
Search the newspaper for five headlines that are NOT complete sentences. Rewrite each as a complete sentence. Which words are most often left out?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't Be a Litterbug

What is the average number of steps a person will hold onto a piece of trash before they litter? Add up the numbers along the correct path in this maze to discover the answer.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

COMMUNITY
DANGEROUS
PROBLEMS
GARBAGE
RECYCLE
POLLUTE
AVERAGE
LITTER
EATING
DRAINS
BROKEN
STORM
AREA
UGLY
SICK

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

E	R	N	E	K	O	R	B	P	S
G	A	R	B	A	G	E	R	O	U
A	D	A	E	R	A	O	E	L	O
R	M	R	Y	T	B	A	C	L	R
E	R	E	A	L	T	C	Y	U	E
V	O	Y	E	I	G	I	C	T	G
A	T	M	N	C	N	U	L	E	N
L	S	G	K	C	I	S	E	E	A
Y	T	I	N	U	M	M	O	C	D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recongized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together: Litter Hunt

With an adult, walk around your school and pick up at least five pieces of litter. Write the name of each below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

IMPORTANT!
If a piece of litter at your school looks like dangerous trash (broken glass, a needle, bandage, etc.) DON'T pick it up, but DO tell an adult on campus about it.

LITTER FACT

Only ONE out of every SIX plastic water bottles we use ever makes it to the recycle bin.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WASTE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

W	A	S	T	E
	W			T
		W		
S			W	A
A	S	T	E	W

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
POLLUTE

The verb **pollute** means to contaminate or harm a place by adding waste items.

The oil spill **polluted** the river.

Try to use the word **pollute** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Newspaper Graph

Survey your classmates to find out each person's favorite section of the newspaper. Graph your results.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information. Display data in a graph.

Write On!

Good Turn

Write about a good turn you did and how it helped someone or something.

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