

Reading comprehension about **recycling** in Birmingham



➤ Read the text below then tick the correct answers to the questions.



Your wheelie bin for **recycling** has a blue lid and it has a **pod** for paper and card. The **pod** keeps paper and card separate from the other materials in the main body of the bin and helps the council sort the different types of recycling.



The council will also collect a reasonable amount of cardboard but it must be neatly bundled and not larger than the bin. It can be left next to or on top of your recycling wheelie bin if it does not fit in the pod. The council refuse collection team do not collect anything else left nearby a wheelie bin.

You should put your recycling wheelie bin out at the front of your property between 3:30pm the day before your collection is due and 5am on the day of your collection. You can also take your recycling to your nearest household recycling tip if you miss the collection.

The recycling section of the Birmingham City Council website has a video with clear instructions about what should and shouldn't be put in the recycling wheelie bin. Video:



Birmingham City Council website source:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20009/waste_and_recycling/105/what_goes_in_my_bins

This leaflet below also shows what you should and should not put in the recycling bin. Use it to answer the questions below.

Pod – paper and card only



mixed
paper



cardboard



Neatly bundled cardboard can be presented for collection alongside the recycling bin. No other side waste is permitted.

Body of the bin – tins, glass, plastic bottles and pots only



food &
drink cans



foil trays



aerosols



mixed glass
bottles & jars



household plastic
packaging

No carrier bags, black sacks, plastic film and wrappers, black food trays or tetra pak cartons – anywhere in the recycling bin.



Questions:

1. What colour is the lid of a recycling wheelie bin in Birmingham?

Tick one answer.

black

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blue

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brown

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green

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2. Tick all the items that **can** or **should** go into the **pod** part of the bin.

mixed paper

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newspapers

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paper envelopes

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empty cardboard cereal boxes

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oily empty pizza boxes ☹️

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toilet rolls inner

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junk mail

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3. Tick all the items you **should** put in the main body of the bin.

glass bottles

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plastic wrap (cling film)

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aluminium foil

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drink cans

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(tetra pak) juice cartons

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plastic bottles

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empty bleach or washing liquid bottle

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The screenshot shows the LiveWorksheets website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LiveWorksheets logo, a search bar, and links for Home, About this site, Interactive worksheets, Make interactive worksheets, Make interactive worksheets, Community, and Help. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'How to recycle properly in Birmingham'. This section includes a title, a description, and a list of metadata: ID: 1821441, Language: English, Subject: English as a Second Language (ESL), Grade/level: Entry, Age: 12+, Main content: Information about recycling, and Other contents: Joining words in conjunctions and but. To the right of the metadata, there is a list of sharing options: Add to my worksheets (H), Download the pdf, Embed in my website or blog, Add to Google Classroom, Add to Microsoft Teams, Share through Whatsapp, Add to my collection (H), Save, and Remove. Below the sharing options, there is a link to the worksheet: <https://www.liveworksheets.com/rq1823449zt>. The main content area of the worksheet is titled 'Joining words or conjunctions *and* *but*' and includes the instruction: 'Put *and* or *but* in the spaces to complete the sentences.' Below the instruction, there is a gap fill exercise: 'Your wheelie bin for recycling has a blue lid. It has a red for paper and'. The exercise is accompanied by two images: a blue wheelie bin and a red wheelie bin.