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**Listen to the passage carefully as it is read. Then answer the questions below.**



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1. According to the article, give four examples of household items that can be recycled.

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2. The following choices are steps in the process of recycling. Write a number (1 – 4) on the line next to each step to show which happens first, which happens next, and which happens last.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Companies buy the cubes of crushed materials and turn them into new products.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The items you put in your recycling bin get picked up by a truck and brought to a recycling plant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The materials get separated into different piles.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Special machines crush each pile into a square cube.

3. What do the three arrows of the recycling loop show?

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4. When old paper is transformed into new paper, what causes the fibers of the tiny pieces of paper to stick together?

- a. a thick, sticky paste
- b. a special water with chemicals poured onto it
- c. a very strong glue
- d. a yellow powder

5. What are two ways that recycling keeps our planet healthy?

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Match each vocabulary word from the article with the correct definition.



\_\_\_\_\_ 1. crush

a. makes smaller

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. disappear

b. a box used to store things

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. scientific

c. steps that happen one after another in the same order

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. bin

d. to squeeze something very hard until it breaks

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. reduces

e. a machine that can carry heavy loads

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. products

f. to go out of view

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. cycle

g. having to do with science

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. forklift

h. eager to learn about something new

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. curious

i. things that are made