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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.

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?

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