



Recycling Matters

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Recycling is also important because it helps to save natural resources. For example, whenever we recycle paper, it will be used to make new paper products. That is good because that means we will not have to cut down trees to make new paper.

In addition, recycling saves energy. Making new products from recycled material uses less energy. For example, recycling one aluminum can will save enough energy to power a television for three hours.

Recycling helps the environment in many ways. But, it only helps when people do it. So, remember to recycle where you are – at home, at school or at play.

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2. Does the author try to persuade the reader to action? Yes No

If yes, give specific examples: _____

If no, why not? _____



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1. What is the purpose of the article? **The purpose of the article is to inform the reader about the many benefits of recycling.**

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If yes, give specific examples: **In the last paragraph, it says that recycling matters, but only when people do it. Throughout the article there are reasons given as to why people should recycle.**

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