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Blue Bin, Green Bin: Your Town Decides

Circle group

Many towns have bins for recycling. Some bins are blue. Some are green. Some are gray.

Each town makes its own rules. In one town, paper goes in the blue bin. In another town, paper goes in the green bin.

How do you know? Look at the list. Many bins have a picture list on the lid. It shows what goes inside.

People follow the list. Then the truck takes the right things to the right place.

In a new town, check the rules. Rules can be different.

Questions

1. What colors can recycling bins be?

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2. Who makes the recycling rules?

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3. Where might you find a picture list?

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4. Why check the rules in a new town?

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5. Why does it help to follow the list?

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Words to know

recycling: turning used things into new things
bin: a big box or can for holding things
lid: the cover on top of a bin

follow: to do what a rule says

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Blue Bin, Green Bin: Your Town Decides

Triangle group

Many towns have bins for recycling. Some bins are blue. Some are green. Some are gray.

Each town makes its own rules. In one town, paper goes in the blue bin. In another town, paper goes in the green bin.

How do you know? Look at the list from your town. Many bins have a picture list on the lid. It shows what goes inside.

When people follow the list, the truck can take the right things to the right place.

If you visit a new town, check the rules there. Rules can change from one town to the next.

Questions

1. What colors can recycling bins be?

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2. Who makes the recycling rules?

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3. Where might you find a picture list?

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4. Why should you check the rules in a new town?

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5. Why does it help when people follow the list?

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Blue Bin, Green Bin: Your Town Decides

Square group

Many towns give people bins for recycling. Some of the bins are blue, some are green, and some are gray.

Every town makes up its own rules. In one town, paper belongs in the blue bin, but in another town, paper belongs in the green bin.

So how can you tell? You can read the list from your town. Many bins even have a picture list printed on the lid, which shows exactly what should go inside.

When people follow the list carefully, the truck can carry the right things to the right place.

If you visit a new town, be sure to check the rules there, because rules can change from one town to the next.

Questions

1. What colors can recycling bins be?

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2. Who makes up the recycling rules?

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3. Where might you find a picture list on a bin?

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4. Why should you check the rules when you visit a new town?

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5. Why does it help when people follow the list carefully?

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For the teacher: Blue Bin, Green Bin: Your Town Decides

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Blue Bin, Green Bin: Your Town Decides

Easier · 88 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.9

1. Blue, green or gray.
2. Each town.
3. On the lid of the bin.
4. Rules can be different in each town.
5. The truck takes the right things to the right place.

Triangle: Blue Bin, Green Bin: Your Town Decides

This passage · 100 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Blue, green or gray.
2. Each town makes its own rules.
3. On the lid of the bin.
4. Rules can change from one town to the next.
5. The truck can take the right things to the right place.

Square: Blue Bin, Green Bin: Your Town Decides

Harder · 117 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4.5

1. Blue, green or gray.
2. Every town makes up its own rules.
3. Printed on the lid.
4. Rules can change from one town to the next.
5. The truck can carry the right things to the right place.