

Plastic Fantastic!

Can you think of creative ways to reuse plastic waste? You could do this as a family or individually.

You will need:

Some pieces of plastic recycling e.g. drinks bottles or yogurt pots.

Activity:

Choose a plastic object and come up with a different use for it. For example, you could use plastic tubs to grow plants or plastic bottles to hold pencils.

Discuss each other's creations and think about how each other's creations might be refined.

Allow five more minutes and give everyone a chance to act on their feedback by refining their creation.

Background:

Most of the plastic objects we use get thrown away and end up in landfill sites but, there are alternatives: some plastics can be recycled or plastic objects can be reused in many different ways.

There are several reasons why recycling or reusing plastic is important. Plastic is made from crude oil, which is a finite resource. Plastic is not biodegradable, so it lasts a long time in landfill. Plastic can also end up in the ocean, where it causes pollution and can harm wildlife.