

AUTHOR'S POINT AND EVIDENCE

Read the following passage and answer the questions.

Should I Recycle This?

Recycling is taking the trash we no longer need and turning it into new and useful products. It is important to recycle in order to save Earth's natural resources and the environment. When we recycle, we save trees and help decrease the negative impact we make. Some say that it is expensive and wasteful to recycle but there are large and small things you can do in order to help strengthen the environment.

We need energy in various forms for our day-to-day activities. This includes turning on the light in our rooms, or simply searching for information on the internet. When we use energy, a gas called Carbon Dioxide is released into the air which ultimately is harmful to Earth. Our choices can make a difference.

When we recycle, we reduce the amount of this harmful gas. We decrease the number of new materials needed to make the goods society needs. When we reuse materials, the amount of energy and resources used in the manufacturing process is also decreased. Waste can take hundreds of years to decompose when it sits in landfills, so the waste we create should be recycled instead.

When we recycle things like paper, plastic, glass, and metal, we help our planet. Many natural resources are non-renewable, which means that they are limited in amount and will run out in the near future. With recycling, we do not have to use natural resources as much and as fast as we normally would.



A positive example of recycling is a bottle of water that was made from 100% recycled materials. This means that no new plastic was used in order to make that bottle of water.

There are many things we can do to help our environment stay healthy and strong. By increasing your awareness of recycling and understanding its importance to the Earth, you are one step closer to being a better recycler.

A What is the main idea of the text?

- How recycling helps our planet Recycling is very expensive

B What is the point the author is trying to make in the above passage? (There can be more than one correct answer.)

- Recycling can reduce the damage to Earth.
 Recycling reduces the amount of waste on Earth.
 Recycling costs tons of money and effort.

C What are the reasons that support the points of the text?

D Identify the evidence that supports the reasons.

