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Did you know that you could help the earth by recycling? Recycling means taking old materials that have been or will be thrown away and using them to create new materials. This is simple to do. If you drink juice or soda from a can or a plastic bottle, you can recycle the container when it is empty. This saves energy and natural resources which is good for the earth. Whatever you recycle will stay in the recycling loop and out of the landfill, which will save room.

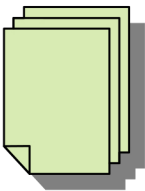
When you see the recycling loop (shown above) it shows the three arrows for the three steps in recycling. The first step is to collect materials that can be recycled, like plastic, metal, glass, and paper. The second is taking the material and making it into new materials. This is done at recycling plants. The final step is buying new products made from recycled products and then recycling those.

Draw pictures to show the three steps of recycling

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1. What does recycling mean? _____

Draw a line from the picture to the correct recycling bin.



Metal



Plastic



Paper

Answer Sheet

Pictures will vary but should show the items being placed in a bin, being taken to a recycling center or turned into another item, and new recycled items being bought

Recycling means taking old materials that would be thrown away and allowing them to be reused to make something new

Matching:

Metal: Can

Plastic: Water bottle and soda bottle

Paper: Paper and book