#### UPPER KEY STAGE TWO Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

## Lesson two

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#### Learning objective

To consider why reducing, reusing and recycling materials is good for the environment

To understand how the different properties of materials and science help when sorting materials at a recycling facility







## What materials have you thrown away today?



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In an average household bin, you will find:

► 35% food waste

23% recyclable materials

► 42% non-recyclable materials



#### Reduce

# What could we change to reduce the waste from this lunch box?



#### Reuse

### What objects have been used?





#### What materials can you spot?

Could they have been recycled?







#### Glass can be recycled over and over again



Recycling one tonne of steel saves 80% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced when making it from raw materials



Recycling one plastic bottle can save enough energy to power a TV for six hours



70% less energy is needed to recycle paper, compared to making it from raw materials

#### **Recycling magic**



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#### **Properties of materials**

Let's see how science is used to separate materials at a materials recycling facility



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#### Watch carefully, what do you think the optical sorters are checking for?

#### Activity two

In pairs, find one object in the classroom that fits each of these categories

- 1. Materials could be reduced
- 2. Materials could be reused
- 3. Materials could be recycled

Object	Materials and their properties	Could the materials used be reduced? How?	Could the object be reused? How?	Could the object be recycled?
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## What have we learnt about materials today?

Reducing, reusing and recycling materials are ways of helping the environment

The properties of materials help to separate the different materials at a materials recycling facility

## What have we learnt about materials today?

Less energy is used to make a new object when made from recycled material

Recycling more and making objects from recycled materials reduces the amount of carbon dioxide we release into the environment