

Recycle

*This is an article in a school newspaper written by a pupil.
Her name is Kathy and she is thirteen years old.*

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My friend and I went to the park on a sunny Sunday afternoon in February to go ice skating. But it was so freezing cold that we took a walk instead. Suddenly we saw a poster and we stopped to take a look at it.

Competition for schools during Spring term!

Collect paper, plastic, cans and bottles for recycling! You'll not only help us clean up the city, but you'll also help people in need in other countries. How?

You'll get money for everything you collect. The amount of money you can give to people in need depends on how much stuff you collect. The best class wins a trip!

Read more about it on our website!

I got really excited and when I came home, I sat down in front of my computer and read all about it. I liked the idea of having fun with classmates, helping people in need and then maybe winning a school trip! The next day I told my teacher all about it and he liked the idea too. Now we only had to ask the class to take part and that was not difficult. First I was a bit angry with two of my best friends who said: Are we going to pick up rubbish!? But they were only joking! All my classmates were happy and willing to work hard. So we entered the competition and decided that our 'recycling week' was going to be the first week of April. After a few days we got a letter with instructions from the Recycling Company and a week later we got a package containing lots of gloves and plastic bags. We really could not wait for that week to come.

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1. What was the weather like that Sunday afternoon?

_____ and _____



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2. What were Kathy and her friend doing in the park?

3. When was the school competition? _____

4. What was one of the reasons for organizing the competition?

- A Help the city to build better schools
- B Give poor people a chance to recycle
- C Helping others to get a better life
- D Give money to a sports competition

5. What was the first prize? _____

6. What happened when Kathy talked about the competition at school?

- A Her teacher didn't like the project in the beginning
- B It was difficult to explain what they were going to do
- C Her classmates got angry and didn't want to participate
- D Everybody wanted to help out and do a good job

7. What did they get from the Recycling Company? (Write two different things.)

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I will never forget that first day of the ‘recycling week’. Everyone in my class had saved cans and bottles at home waiting for the special week and now it was time to bring them to school. Can you imagine what our classroom was like? So we had to start putting everything into big, black plastic bags. When we had finished we had fifteen bags in the classroom. The first day! But then we realized we had a problem. There was not enough room in the classroom to keep the bags and there would be a lot more of them by the end of the week. And to be honest, they didn’t smell too good either! But we came to an agreement with the head teacher. She opened a large room in the basement, where they used to have books and computers, but now it was filled with old desks and chairs. But there was enough room for our bags.

We had a week of hard work but also a lot of good laughs. My school already recycles paper and we emptied all paper containers in the classrooms into our plastic bags. We collected paper, plastic, bottles and cans around the school and we found out that there were a lot to find by the side of the roads. I really think it is terrible that people throw away things from cars like that. Our teacher told us to be careful when we were picking rubbish from the side of the roads.

Three men from the Recycling Company fetched all of it on Friday afternoon. They thought we had done an excellent job! There were 76 plastic bags in the storeroom instead of 30 which was our guess before we started.



8. What did the pupils do the first day?

They ...

- A brought things from home to recycle
- B threw away lots of plastic bags
- C cleaned their classroom
- D finished the whole competition



9. Why were the bags in the classroom a problem? (Give two reasons.)

Because _____ and

10. What was the room in the basement full of?

- A School books
- B Furniture
- C Plastic bags
- D Computers

11. What did the class think of their ‘recycling week’?

It was ...

- A terrible and too much work
- B boring and not enough to do
- C fun and there was much to do
- D good and not that much work



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12. Where did the pupils find the things they collected? (Give two examples.)

- _____
- _____

13. What did Kathy think was terrible?

- A Some people don't use rubbish bins
- B The pupils ran out of plastic bags
- C Cars drive too fast on the roads
- D Rubbish doesn't smell very good

14. What was the result at the end of the ‘recycling week’?

- A There were only thirty bags in the storeroom
- B They filled many more bags than they had thought
- C More than seventy bags were missing
- D The men who fetched the bags had to come back



*Please go on reading to find out what happened in the end!
There are no questions for this part.*

In May, four weeks later, we got the result of the competition. It had been a big success and over 5,000 schools had participated. At first we were a little disappointed because we didn't win the school trip, but we had got £300 to give away. It made us feel pretty good that we had been able to collect so much money. We discussed who to give our money to and decided to give it to people in earthquake areas. We had all seen pictures from such places on the news during the past year. But it really does not matter who you give money to. When there is a catastrophe people are always in need of help and you can help out by giving money.

Our teacher gave us a lot of credit for working so hard and he told us how many trees we had saved by leaving all that paper for recycling. We had also saved a lot of energy by the recycling of our cans and bottles. My class got a diploma from the Recycling Company. It is hanging on the classroom wall. Sometimes I look at it and I feel proud because I was the one who started it all!

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