



“I Can Compost” Game

Did You Know? A healthy compost bin has the right ingredients which, when they decompose give a nutritious product you can use in your garden.

A game that helps pupils to learn what things can be composted.

An activity that can be done as part of your wider study into composting.

Key Facts:

In Merseyside & Halton, waste that is put in your normal household wheelie bin (i.e the things that are not collected for recycling) are sent to an Energy from Waste facility. Here the waste is burned and in turn, electricity is generated. Landfill is not used in our area anymore.

Curriculum Links for these Resources:

- PE: Developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities
- PHSE: Make links between cause and effect. Living in the wider world. Citizenship and Global issues.
- Geography: Improving the environment.

Learning Outcome:

I will be able to list some of the ingredients that I can and cannot put in a compost bin.





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Prior Knowledge

- Compost ingredients list

How to Play

You will need one ball, soft and throwable.

To start the game everyone stands (or sits) in a circle. The first part of the game is to give students a taste of the game.

Call out a participant's name and something that can be composted: "Sarah, Banana Peel!" Toss the ball to the participant named and then sit down. The participants continue on this fashion, calling out compostable material and tossing the ball to the named participant, until everyone is sitting.

Extension

1) Tag Game: One participant is placed in the middle of the circle and becomes "it." The person in the middle must tag the person with the ball before the ball is tossed. The person throwing the ball names something that can be composted and then throws it to someone else before being tagged. If the student with the ball doesn't name something before s/he throws the ball, s/he will be tagged, become "it," and will change places with the one in the middle.

2) A ball is not needed for this version. Randomly choose someone to start. They say the phrase: "*Today I put in my compost bin...*" and insert something that can be composted. Then going clockwise around the circle, the next person says: "*Today I put in my compost bin [first persons object] and...*" insert something else. The aim is to remember all the objects in order and add to the list. You can mix it up by including the phrase: "*but I didn't put in.. [insert something that can't be composted]*."

