

### Starting Up

This year, Earth Day (22 April) falls on a Saturday, so you will probably be celebrating it in your classroom the following week. You can start by telling your students that people all over the world celebrate Earth Day and you can talk a bit more about it in their mother tongue.

### Activity 1 MATCHING

Introduce some basic vocabulary using a matching activity. Students need to match the words to the pictures on the board, or they can do it in groups. Help them if necessary.

**Vocabulary:** *a rubbish bin, a glass bottle, a tin can, newspapers, a plastic bag, food remains*

### Activity 2 SORTING OUT THE RUBBISH

Prepare picture cards showing all kinds of waste that students need to sort out into the 4 little rubbish bins that you have made in advance (by, for example, colouring some cardboard boxes in different colours or even buying some inexpensive plastic bins that you will later use again and again for this purpose): a **blue bin** for paper, a **green bin** for glass, a **yellow bin** for plastic and a **black bin** for organic waste. Each time a student takes a picture card, you ask the same question: "Which bin does it go in?" and help the student answer using the phrase: "It goes in the green/blue/yellow/black bin."



Use the pictures of all the words from activity 1 as well as any other words of your choice (you can use picture cards from the NBB 1-4 series), e.g. *flowers, notebook, milk bottles, cheese, pizza box...*

Alternatively, decide on the words and have the students draw them. If you want, you can also bring realia.

### Activity 3 WATCHING PEPPA PIG

As a summary, let your students watch the Peppa Pig episode (most children are familiar with this cartoon) that deals with recycling. The language used in the cartoon shouldn't be too difficult for them, but you can pre-teach some vocabulary, e.g. *to collect rubbish, a binman* (informal for *dustman*), *a tin can, to recycle, to use again, a recycle centre*. At the end, you can talk about how bins are used differently in the UK and in Croatia.

You will find the cartoon [here](#). It lasts 5:10 min.





A RUBBISH BIN

A GLASS BOTTLE

A TIN CAN

A PLASTIC BAG

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