Recycling at Home

Pre-reading

Questions:

• Do you recycle where you live? Why or why not?

Definitions:

• Recycling symbol – a curved triangle often with a number inside it
• Smash – to flatten
• Sort – to place by group or kind

Reading

Jo wants to recycle. She knows it is a wise thing to do. She wants to live on a clean earth. Plus, recycling does not take much time. It is easy to do in her new home. She sees green bins in the hall outside her door. They have the recycling symbol on them.

She makes a recycling space in her kitchen. She lines a box with a plastic bag. Then she puts it under the sink. She is ready to recycle.

At lunch she opens a can of soup. She rinses the can, and puts it in the recycle box. She flattens an empty cracker box. That goes in the recycling box, too. Jo pours the last of her milk into a glass. She rinses the plastic jug, smashes it, and puts it in the box.

At the end of the week Jo takes her bag to the green bins. She sorts the items into the right bins. She is helping to keep the earth clean.
Understanding

1. Why does Jo recycle? ____________________________________________________________
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2. In what room is Jo’s recycling spot? Where in that room? __________________________
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3. What items does Jo recycle at lunch? ____________________________________________
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4. What does the word **rinse** mean? _____________________________________________
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5. Where does Jo take her recycle bag at the end of the week? _______________________
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Writing

**Choice A:** Retell the story in your own words.

**Choice B:** Is recycling important to you? Why or why not? What do you recycle?

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