

How Plastic Is Recycled



Things made of plastic can be recycled. They can be made into something new.

People put plastic into bins. Workers take the plastic to a factory. The plastic is sorted. It is washed. Then it is chopped. The pieces are dried. They are heated and they melt. Finally, they are put into water to cool.

Now the plastic is new again! It can be used to make new things.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. If you want your plastic to be recycled, where should you put it?

**a trash can****a bin**

2. What happens to the plastic *first* when it gets to a recycling factory?

**It is sorted.****It is put in water.**

3. What do workers do to the plastic pieces after the plastic is washed and chopped?

**play with them****dry them**

4. Where do the workers put the plastic pieces to cool them?



in water



the freezer

5.A) What can you make with recycled plastic?

B) Draw a picture of plastic being recycled in a factory.



6. What did you learn from "How Plastic Is Recycled"?
