## What is recycling?



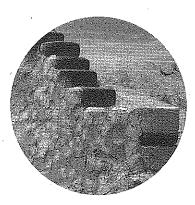
Recycling is using materials again instead of throwing them away. A recycling symbol on an object shows that it can be recycled.



Paper can be recycled into new paper.



Some plastics are melted, shredded, formed, and recycled into T-shirts, quilted jackets, and sleeping bags.



Old tires can be used in construction, to build fences, make crash cushions, and make equipment for sports and playgrounds.

## Answer these questions about recycling.

- 1. What is recycling?
- 2. If you have an empty soda can with a recycling symbol on it, should you throw the can away? Explain.
- 3. What must happen to plastic before it is recycled into a T-shirt?
- 4. Which material can be recycled and used to build fences?