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sorting rubbish

In this exercise you will learn how to sort rubbish in different ways.

What you need

Cardboard boxes, masking tape, scissors, sticky tape, small bits of rubbish, e.g. corks, bottle tops and lids, buttons, peach stones, chocolate wrappers, nuts, bolts and screws.

What to do

1. Cut the cardboard boxes in half and seal them with sticky tape. This will give you four sorting trays.
2. Sort out the rubbish into different trays. For example, you could separate the rubbish depending on it's colour.

Complete the following table, for each different type of sorting. We have started the first one for you...

Type of sorting	Good points	Bad points
Colour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Easy to sort</i>• <i>Looks nice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Not very useful for recycling - some materials may get mixed up</i>



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Discussion

1. How did you sort the rubbish? Why did you choose to sort it in this way?
2. How have others sorted their rubbish? Look at the rest of the class. Can you decide on the most useful way of sorting rubbish for recycling?
3. How could sorting rubbish be useful outside the classroom? Do you sort your rubbish before you throw it in the bin?

