

Smart Material Choices

Read how one student conserves materials and disposes of them properly.

2.11.B “describe how human impact can be limited by making choices to conserve and properly dispose of materials such as reducing use of, reusing, or recycling paper, plastic, and metal.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the six sentences that tell what Maya does with materials. Write **reduce**, **reuse**, **recycle**, or **dispose** beside each sentence, using the nearby sentence that explains her choice.

Maya's School-Day Choices

- ① At lunch, Maya opens her sandwich. She uses a washable container again each day.
This is reusing the container. Instead of taking a new napkin, she uses one cloth napkin. This choice reduces paper used.
- ② In art class, Maya saves clean paper scraps for a later collage. That is reusing paper.
She puts an empty plastic yogurt cup in the recycling bin. Recycling helps keep useful plastic out of trash.
- ③ After a class party, Maya puts food scraps in the compost bin. This is proper disposal because scraps do not belong with recyclables. She chooses a drink fountain instead of buying a new aluminum can. This reduces metal used.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does Maya do to reduce the paper she uses at lunch?

2 What plastic item does Maya recycle, and where does she put it?

3 How does Maya properly dispose of food scraps?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write three sentences about choices you can make during one school day. Tell one way to reduce use of a material, one way to reuse an item, and one way to properly dispose of a material.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the six sentences that tell what Maya does with materials. Write **reduce**, **reuse**, **recycle**, or **dispose** beside each sentence, using the nearby sentence that explains her choice. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Maya do to reduce the paper she uses at lunch?	She uses one cloth napkin instead of taking a new napkin.
2	What plastic item does Maya recycle, and where does she put it?	She recycles an empty plastic yogurt cup by putting it in the recycling bin.
3	How does Maya properly dispose of food scraps?	She puts the food scraps in the compost bin, not with recyclables.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I will use both sides of one sheet of paper to reduce the paper I use. I will reuse my lunch bag tomorrow. I will put a banana peel in the compost bin, not the recycling bin.

Accept reasonable school-day choices that clearly match the three requested actions. For proper disposal, accept recycling, composting, or placing trash in the correct bin when the material is appropriate for that bin.