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## The Journey of a Plastic Bottle

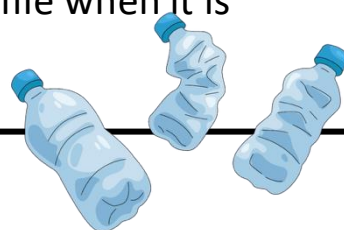
Have you ever wondered what happens to a plastic bottle after you place it in a recycling bin? Its journey may be far from over.

First, recycling trucks collect plastic bottles and take them to a recycling facility. There, the bottles are sorted from other materials such as paper, glass and metal.

Next, the bottles are cleaned to remove labels, dirt and leftover liquid. They are then crushed into small pieces called flakes. These flakes are washed again before being melted down and turned into tiny plastic pellets.

The pellets can be used to make new products. Recycled plastic may become new bottles, clothing, containers, furniture or even playground equipment. Recycling plastic is important because it reduces the amount of rubbish sent to landfill. It can also reduce the need to make as much new plastic from raw materials.

A bottle that seems like rubbish can begin a completely new life when it is recycled correctly.



1. What is the passage mostly about?

2. What are two important steps in recycling a plastic bottle?

3. Why is recycling plastic an important detail to include in a summary?

4. Which detail is more important for a summary: plastic is crushed into flakes or recycling can reduce rubbish sent to landfill? Why?

5. Write one sentence that summarises the passage.



## Answers

1. The passage is mostly about what happens to a plastic bottle when it is recycled.
2. The bottles are sorted and cleaned, then crushed into flakes and turned into plastic pellets.
3. Because recycling reduces rubbish sent to landfill and reduces the need to make new plastic.
4. Reducing rubbish sent to landfill is more important because it explains why recycling plastic is useful.
5. Plastic bottles can be collected, cleaned and processed into plastic that can be used to make new products.