



# Recycling fact or myth?

There are A LOT of questions about how it all works - and sometimes people hear myths about recycling rather than facts. A myth is a widely held but false belief, while a fact is something that is known or proven to be true. **For each of the sentences below, decide if it is a MYTH or a FACT. Write your answer in the box, or type your answer directly into this worksheet!**

**1** All recycling gets thrown in the landfill.

**2** If you put everything in the recycle bin, trash will get separated out.

**3** Recycling uses more energy than it saves.

**4** We need to recycle more and create recycling businesses here in the US.

**5** Landfills sort through garbage and pick out recyclable objects

**6** If one item is added to the recycling bin that doesn't belong, the whole load of recycling will go to the landfill.

**7** Recycling saves water, energy, resources and money.

**8** Objects put in the recycle bin aren't getting recycled any more.

**9** Any object, like a plastic container, that has the recycling triangle on it is recyclable.

**10** What is recyclable can be different in different communities.

**11** Recycling creates 10 times more jobs than sending things to landfill.

**12** If a recycling dumpster contains mostly diapers, everything in the dumpster will go to the landfill.

Answers: Recycling FACTS: 4, 7, 10, 11, 12  
 Recycling MYTHS: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9