

## A Mr Rubbish Mood

Judy woke up early when it was still dark outside. She found her torch and notebook. Then she tiptoed downstairs to the kitchen. Judy wanted to make the world a better place before breakfast. She was in a Mr Rubbish mood. Mr Rubbish was the Good Garbage Gremlin in Stink's comic book, who built his house out of cartons and bottles. He recycled everything, even lollipop sticks. He never used anything that came out of the rainforest.

'Hmm... things that come from the rainforest. That would be a great place to start,' thought Judy. Rubber came from the rainforest, and also chocolate, spices, chewing gum and things like perfume. Judy collected things around the house and piled them on the kitchen table. Among other things there were chocolate bars, chocolate dessert, her dad's coffee beans, the rubber toilet plunger, gum from Stink's gumball machine and her mother's lipstick from the bottom of her purse.



When her family came into the kitchen, Judy said, 'We're not going to use these things anymore. They're all from the rainforest. They cut down too many trees to grow coffee and give us make-up and chewing gum. The Earth is our home. We have to take action to save it. We won't need all these things.'

'I need gum!' yelled Stink. 'Give me back my gum!'

Dad put the chocolate dessert back in the cupboard. Mum took the toilet plunger off the kitchen table and headed for the bathroom.

Judy Moody decided to show her family just how much they hurt the planet. Every time someone threw something away, she would write it down. She got her notebook and looked in the rubbish bin. She wrote down a list.

'Stink! You shouldn't throw gooey old porridge in the rubbish!' Judy said.

‘Dad! Tell her to stop spying on me,’ said her brother.

‘I’m a Garbage Detective,’ said Judy. ‘If you want to learn what to recycle, you must get to know your rubbish. Hasn’t anybody in this family ever heard of the three Rs?’

‘Which three Rs?’ asked Dad.

‘Reduce. Reuse. Recycle,’ said Judy. ‘Look at all the things we throw away!’

‘We recycle all our glass and tins,’ said Mum.

‘And newspapers,’ Dad said.

‘But what about this?’ said Judy, picking up a plastic bag. ‘This bag could carry a library book.’

‘What’s so great about eggshells?’ asked Stink. ‘And smelly old ground-up coffee?’

‘You can use them to feed plants. Or make compost.’

‘Judy, you’re not even ready for school yet. Let’s talk about this later,’ said Dad. ‘It’s time to get dressed.’

It was no use. Nobody listened to her. Judy trudged upstairs, feeling like a sloth without a tree.

‘I won’t wear lipstick today if it’ll make you feel better,’ Mum called up the stairs.

‘And I’ll only drink half a cup of coffee,’ Dad said.

However, Judy could hardly hear them over the grinding of the rainforest coffee beans. She thought that her family certainly knew how to ruin a perfectly good Mr Rubbish mood.

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### Story Retell

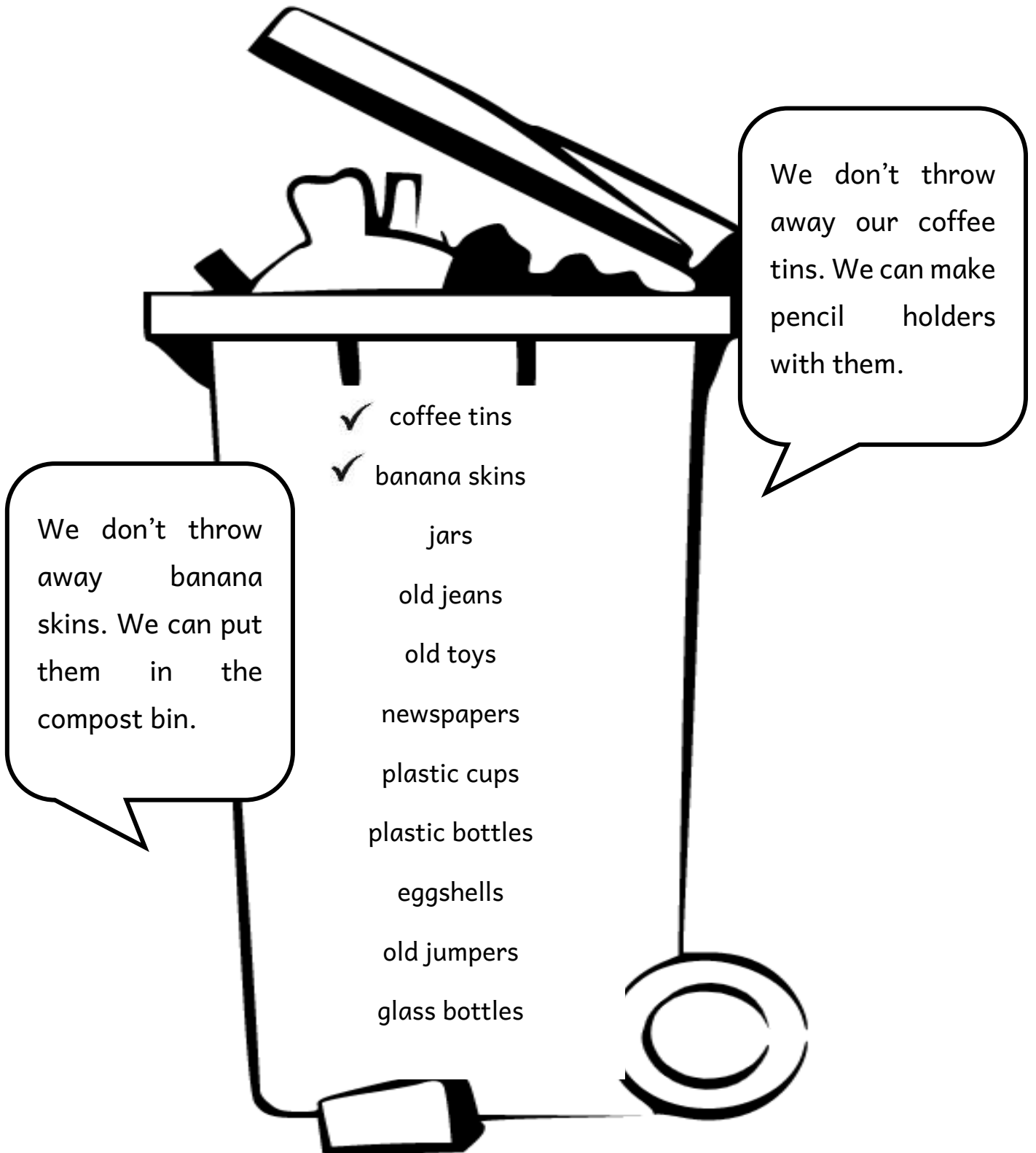
#### 5 Finger Retell



<p><b>Characters</b></p> <p>Who are the characters in the story?</p>	
<p><b>Setting</b></p> <p>Where and when does the story take place?</p>	
<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>What is the problem that needs to be solved?</p>	
<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>What happens at the beginning of the story?</p> <p>What happens in the middle of the story?</p> <p>What happens at the end of the story?</p>	
<p><b>Resolution</b></p> <p>How do mum and dad try to help?</p> <p>Is the problem solved?</p>	

Worksheet 2

In pairs, think of ways to reuse your rubbish. Check with other pairs in your class. Which pair has reused the most?







Worksheet 5

**Perspective** is being able to see something in a particular way. Different people see things differently, sometimes depending on their experiences and values.

Based on the sentences below, write down how each character is feeling in that part of the story. Compare and contrast each character's perspective of what is happening.

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a. Judy wanted to make the world a better place before breakfast.	
b. She thought that her family certainly knew how to ruin a perfectly good Mr Rubbish mood.	
Stink	
c. <i>'I need gum!'</i> yelled Stink. <i>'Give me back my gum!'</i>	
d. <i>'Dad! Tell her to stop spying on me,'</i> said her brother.	
Mum	
e. <i>'We recycle all our glass and tins,'</i> said Mum.	
f. <i>'I won't wear lipstick today if it'll make you feel better,'</i> Mum called up the stairs.	
Dad	
g. Dad put the chocolate dessert back in the cupboard.	
h. <i>'Judy you're not even ready for school yet. Let's talk about this later,'</i> said Dad. <i>'It's time to get dressed.'</i>	

