It is making new products by reprocessing used materials. The materials more often recycled are glass, paper, metal, plastic. Recycling one tonne of paper saves 15 trees. It takes only 6 days for a can to be recycled and be back on the supermarket shelf. Recycling 1 glass bottle or jar saves enough energy to power your TV for one and a half hours.



It is s a natural recycling process in which organic wastes are biologically decomposed by micro-organisms (bacteria, worms, fungi).



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We produce large quantities of waste and its disposal damages the environment. We should try to reduce the amount of waste we create. We could start by reducing the amount of useless packaging.



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In one year, a European family with two children throws away: 50 kilos of paper; 60 kilos of metals; 45 kilos of plastic. Reusing items gives them a second life. You can reuse envelopes, cardboard boxes, paper, plastic bags, books, toys and clothes.



1. Underline 5 words you don't understand

2. Ask your partner for the meaning of these words or look them up in a dictionary 3. Choose the correct heading for each paragraph: Reusing –Composting -Reducing - Recycling