

Making Greener Choices

Discussion Activity 1:

You want to buy a hot drink at the local cafe. Which one will you decide to buy?

- 1) A hot drink in a foam cup.
- 2) A hot drink in a paper/cardboard cup.
- 3) A refillable hot drink in a BYO cup.



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Discussion Activity 2:

You need to get to school on time. You live about 1 km away from your school. What method of transport will you take?

- 1) Take the bus.
- 2) Ask your parent to drive you in the car.
- 3) Walk to school.



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Discussion Activity 3:

You need to wash your shirt. You have spilled sauce down the front of it.

Do you ...

- 1) Soak the stain, then wash it by hand in soapy cold water.
- 2) Soak the stain then machine wash it in cold water with the rest of your clothes.
- 3) Soak the stain then machine wash it by itself in hot water.



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Discussion Activity 4:

You are making a cake. You need to beat the eggs and sugar.

Do you ...

- 1) Beat them using a spoon.
- 2) Beat them in a mixing bowl using a whisk.
- 3) Beat them in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer.



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Discussion Activity 5:

You have the lights on in your bedroom at night time. You leave to go to the kitchen for dinner. You know you will be returning to your bedroom soon to study. Is it better to ...

- 1) Turn the lights off before you leave.
- 2) Leave the lights on.



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Discussion Activity 6:

The TV, stereo and other appliances in your living room are plugged in and switched on at the power outlet. You notice that each appliance is displaying a standby light. Is it better to ...

- 1) Switch the power off at the wall.
- 2) Leave the appliances plugged in on standby.



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Discussion Activity 7:

You have been working all evening on an assignment for school. You haven't finished yet and want to continue in the morning. Is it better to ...

- 1) Save your work and turn the computer off at the power socket.
- 2) Save your work and leave your computer on for the next day.



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Discussion Activity 8:

Your little sister is afraid of the dark. She won't go to sleep without a light shining into her room. If she wakes up in the dark she cries. Is it better to ...

- 1) Leave the light in the hall next to her room on all night.
- 2) Leave a night light plugged in to a power outlet all night.
- 3) Leave a small lamp in her room switched on all night.



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Discussion Activity 9:

You plan to have a picnic day at the park. You need to bring food and drinks to share.

Is it better to ...

- 1) Bring plastic plates, cups and cutlery that you can take home, wash and re-use.
- 2) Bring plastic plates, cups and cutlery that you can throw in a bin at the park.
- 3) Pack food you can eat with your fingers in recyclable containers you can throw away.



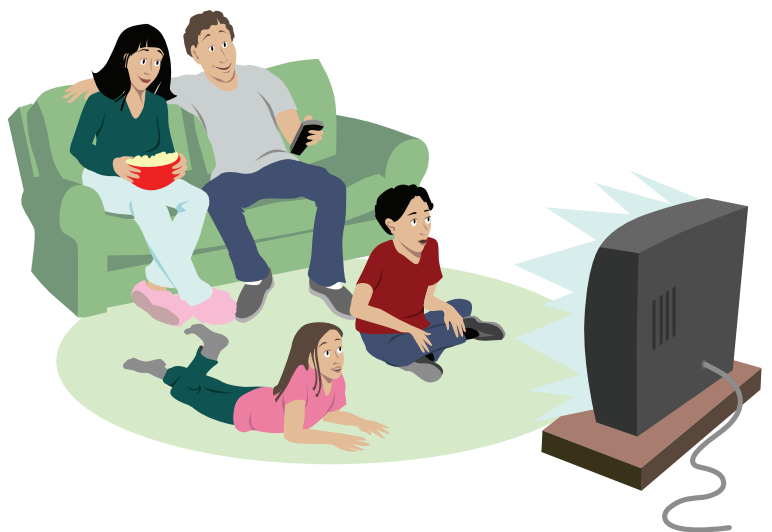
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Discussion Activity 10:

You are watching a movie on the TV. It is getting a little cold in the room. Is it better to ...

- 1) Turn up the thermostat on your air conditioning unit to make it warmer.
- 2) Turn on the gas heater.
- 3) Grab a blanket to cover you.



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