

True or false quiz answers

One million working PCs end up in UK landfills each year

True False

Two million working PCs end up in landfill sites in the UK every year.¹

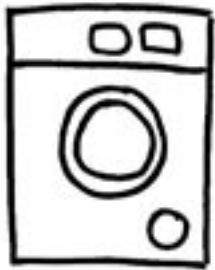
Old computers can be recycled

True False



Computers are made from lots of materials, like plastic, glass and metals that can all be recycled - ask your local council where you can recycle old computers.

Some charities 'recycle' computers by donating them to developing countries.



Old white goods (washing machines, fridges, ovens etc) can be recycled

True False

White goods are made from metals, plastics and glass. They can be recycled - ask your council for details.

Old fridges, washing machines and ovens can also be repaired and re-used.

Old mobile phones can be recycled

True False

Mobile phones that still work can be re-used in developing countries. Plastic and metals from broken phones are recycled.

Schools and charities can raise funds by collecting old mobile phones and sending them to a recycling company² or send them to the Woodland Trust to help them raise more funds for tree planting.³



¹ www.wasteonline.org.uk

² www.recycool.org

³ www.woodland-trust.org.uk/phones/index.htm



One tonne of batteries ends up in UK landfill every year

True False

Nearly **20,000 tonnes** of old batteries end up in landfill each year.⁴ Batteries contain all sorts of chemicals and heavy metals that are dangerous to the environment.

Old batteries can be recycled

True False

Batteries can be recycled, but only a few UK councils can do this right now - ask your council if you can recycle batteries locally.

Kirk's Tip: use mains electricity where you can or buy and use rechargeable batteries instead.

Old ink cartridges can be recycled

True False

Many (but not all) types of ink cartridges can be recycled and reused. Schools and charities can raise funds by collecting old ink cartridges and sending them to a recycling company⁵ or send them to the Woodland Trust to help them raise more funds for tree planting.⁶



Glasses (that you wear) can be recycled

True False

Glasses are collected for charities that send them to developing countries where they are reused.

Ask your local optician and start a collection in school.

Old clothes and shoes can be recycled

True False

Clothes can often be recycled in clothes banks at your supermarket, or you can take them to a charity shop that sells second-hand clothes. And look out for charity clothing bags that can be collected from your home.



Nearly two billion items of clothing get thrown away in our dustbins every year

True False

Actually, over **7 1/2 billion** articles of clothing (75% of those we buy) end up in dustbins every year!⁷

⁴ www.wasteonline.org.uk

⁵ www.recycool.org

⁶ www.woodland-trust.org.uk/inkjet/index.htm

⁷ www.recycleforlondon.com

Now you know all about waste, have a go at my **How green are you?** quiz

