

National Recycling Week – Sample Script

Before Reading

I am going to read this article called National Recycling Week out loud. This is a time for you all to listen. After I am finished, I will look at the questions and try to work out the answers. I will think out loud so that you know how I am deciding what the answers are.

Read Text Aloud

Question 1:

Question 1 says 'What month is National Recycling Week in?'

I remember seeing the answer to this when I was reading. I think it was near the start. Yes – the first line in the second paragraph says 'a week in November'. Oh, look! It also says it in the next paragraph. I can shade in the 'November' bubble and write 'a week in November' as my proof/evidence.

Question 2:

Question 2 asks 'What is National Recycling Week for?' I don't remember this information being in the text. Let me have a look. Oh, I think this is it in the second paragraph. The first line says 'Planet Ark has set aside a week in November to celebrate recycling.' and then the next sentence says 'This helps us all to remember that we need to recycle to protect our planet.'

The text doesn't specifically say National Recycling Week is for... but this explains it. I will shade the bubble 'To help us all remember we need to recycle to protect our planet' and write 'to celebrate recycling' and 'This helps us all remember that we need to recycle to protect our planet' in the evidence/proof column.

Question 3:

Question 3 asks 'What year was the first National Recycling Week in?'

Hmmm... Again, it doesn't say 'The first NRW was in...' but it does say 'Since 1996, Planet Ark has...' This suggests that the first one was in 1996, so I am going to shade that answer. This is not a directly stated fact, but the answer is implied. I will write 'Since 1996, Planet Ark has...' in the evidence/proof column.

Question 4:

Question 4 asks 'What is a Swap Party?' This is something I have never heard of before. I wonder if there is enough information for me to work it out from what is written in the text. Let me have a look... This is in the list of things that you can do for NRW. It says "Have a Swap Party and trade the toys you don't use anymore with your friends."

It doesn't explain to us what Swap Party means, but it says that at a Swap Party you could trade your toys that you don't use anymore. This must mean that a Swap Party is somewhere you take things you are happy to swap with other people so that they can keep getting used. I will write that as my answer and evidence/proof.

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Question 5:

Question 5 asks what the Main Idea is for this article. The options are:

- Everyone should join in the celebrations for National Recycling week.
- It is important to know what National Recycling Week is.
- Recycling is important.
- Planet Ark organise important events.

This is difficult, because I think they are all true. I am going to try and think about why the author wrote this article and look at what all of the paragraphs are about.

- It starts by telling us it's time to recycle – the author must want us to actually do it.
- It then tells us what NRW is, but it also says that we 'need to recycle'
- It tells us when it is...
- Then it tells us all the things we can do.

The author is using lots of language that makes it seem like the reader should take action and join in. Oh and look at the last paragraph, it is all about what to do. It actually says "Make some time to sit down with your family, friends or colleagues, visit www.recyclingweek.planetark.org/ and have a chat about what you can do to get involved in this important event."

The author is definitely making the reader feel like they should take part in National Recycling Week. Is that one of the answer options? Yes – the first one. "Everyone should join in the celebrations for National Recycling week." I am going to write that one!