

BETTER AT THE BIN IS BETTER FOR OUR FUTURE

A zero waste coloring and puzzle book.



Pssst, want to know a secret?

We know many of you are way better recyclers than many of your parents, teachers, and other adults! You know there is too much trash in this world and that it pollutes our oceans, harms animals, and litters our streets and playgrounds.

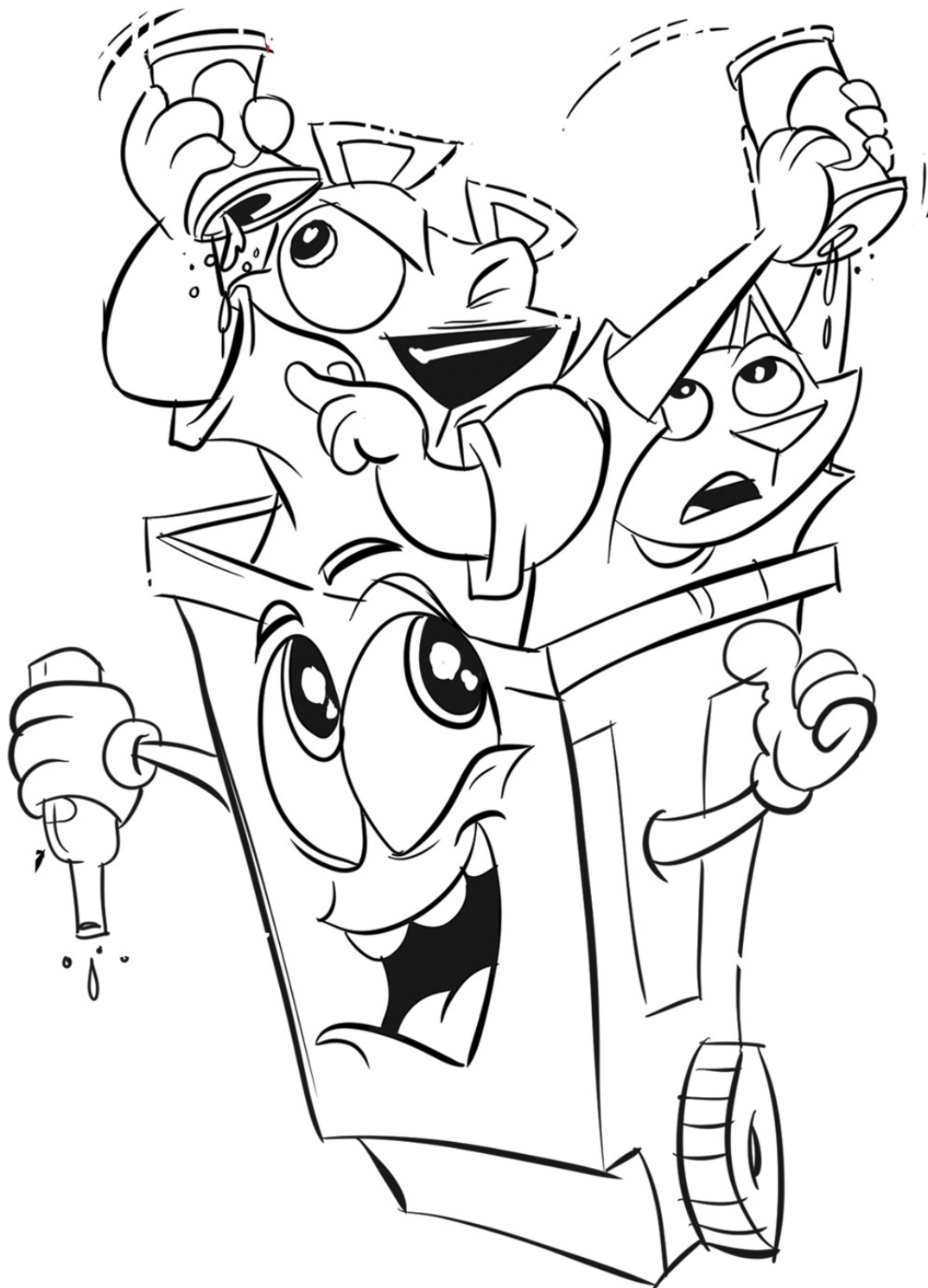
That's why Recology and the San Francisco Department of the Environment have teamed up to teach people how to be Better at the Bin, which means reusing more, recycling right, and composting.

But we need your help! We're counting on you to share your knowledge with your family and friends so we can clean up our planet, protect animals and nature, and create a clean and healthy place for all people to live.

With this book you will learn more about what it means to be Better at the Bin and have fun while doing it! So, get ready to put your knowledge to the test and to lead the way to a better future!



The average American generates 4.4 pounds of garbage a day. Wow! You can help keep most of that out of landfills by emptying all the liquid from bottles and cans before recycling them.



RECYCLE WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the words in the puzzle. Words can be up, down, forward, or diagonal.

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BOTTLES

CARTON

GLASS

COFFEE CUP

CANS

CLEAN

HARD PLASTIC

TIN FOIL

CARDBOARD

DRY

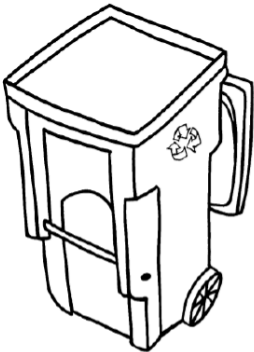
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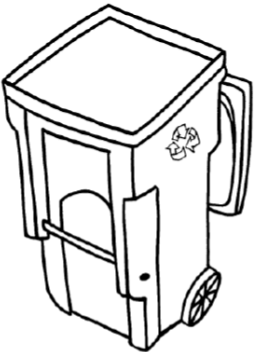


PHOEBE'S FUNTASTIC RECYCLING CHALLENGE

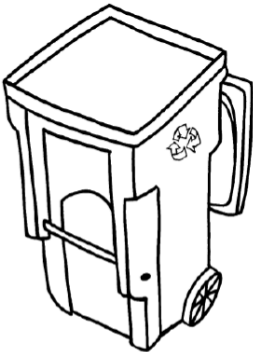
Help Phoebe the Phoenix recycle, compost, or throw away each of the items below by drawing a line from the item to the correct bin.



RECYCLING



COMPOST



TRASH

Want to save some trees? Recycling one ton of paper can save 17 trees. To keep paper clean in recycling bins make sure all food containers are clean and dry before going into the blue bin.



KEEP RECYCLING!

Recycling and composting are great. But there is even more you can do to protect nature and our planet. Can you draw a line from the words on the left to what you should do with them on the right?

Apple

Used Writing Paper

Paper Towel

Plastic Bag

Metal Water Bottle

Moldy Cheese

Plastic Tray

Old Clothes

1/2 a Sandwich

Lunchbox

Milk Carton

Banana Peel

Canvas Carry Bag

Plastic Straw

Save for Later

Reuse

Say "no thank-you"

Eat It

Recycle

Compost

Donate

In the United States two-fifths of our food is **wasted**. That's too much waste! Make sure to only buy or take what you can eat. All food scraps should go in the green bin so recyclables in the blue bin stay clean. Get it in the right bin and we all win!



COMPOST WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the words relating to compost in the puzzle below. Words can be up, down, forward, or diagonal.

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APPLE CORE

PIZZA BOX

PAPER TOWEL

NAPKINS

EGG SHELLS

BANANA PEEL

DECOMPOSE

WORMS

CHICKEN BONES

LEAVES

FLOWERS

PLANTS

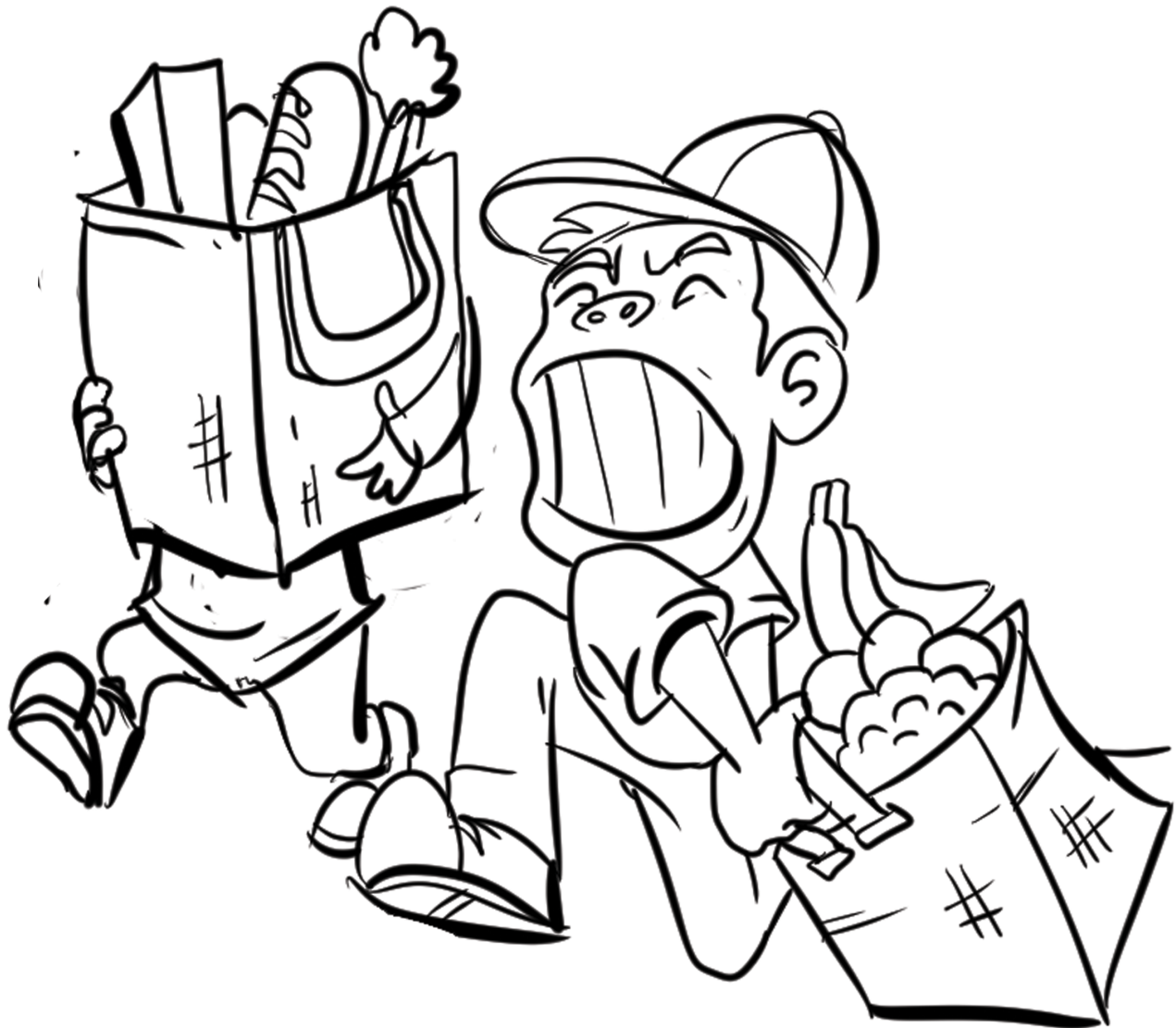
Compost is full of important nutrients and minerals farmers can use to grow healthy plants. Healthy plants equal healthy people. Toss any leftovers and food scraps, along with food-soiled paper napkins and paper towels, into the green compost bin. Healthy soil made from compost keeps our planet healthy too!



Each year 500 billion plastic water bottles are used around the world. Many of them end up in the ocean. Help save our planet and keep hydrated by using a reusable bottle.



Around the world people use 1 million plastic bags a minute. Say NO to plastic and yes to REUSABLE canvas shopping bags. Remind your parents to bring reusable bags when shopping. They are a great way to REDUCE waste.



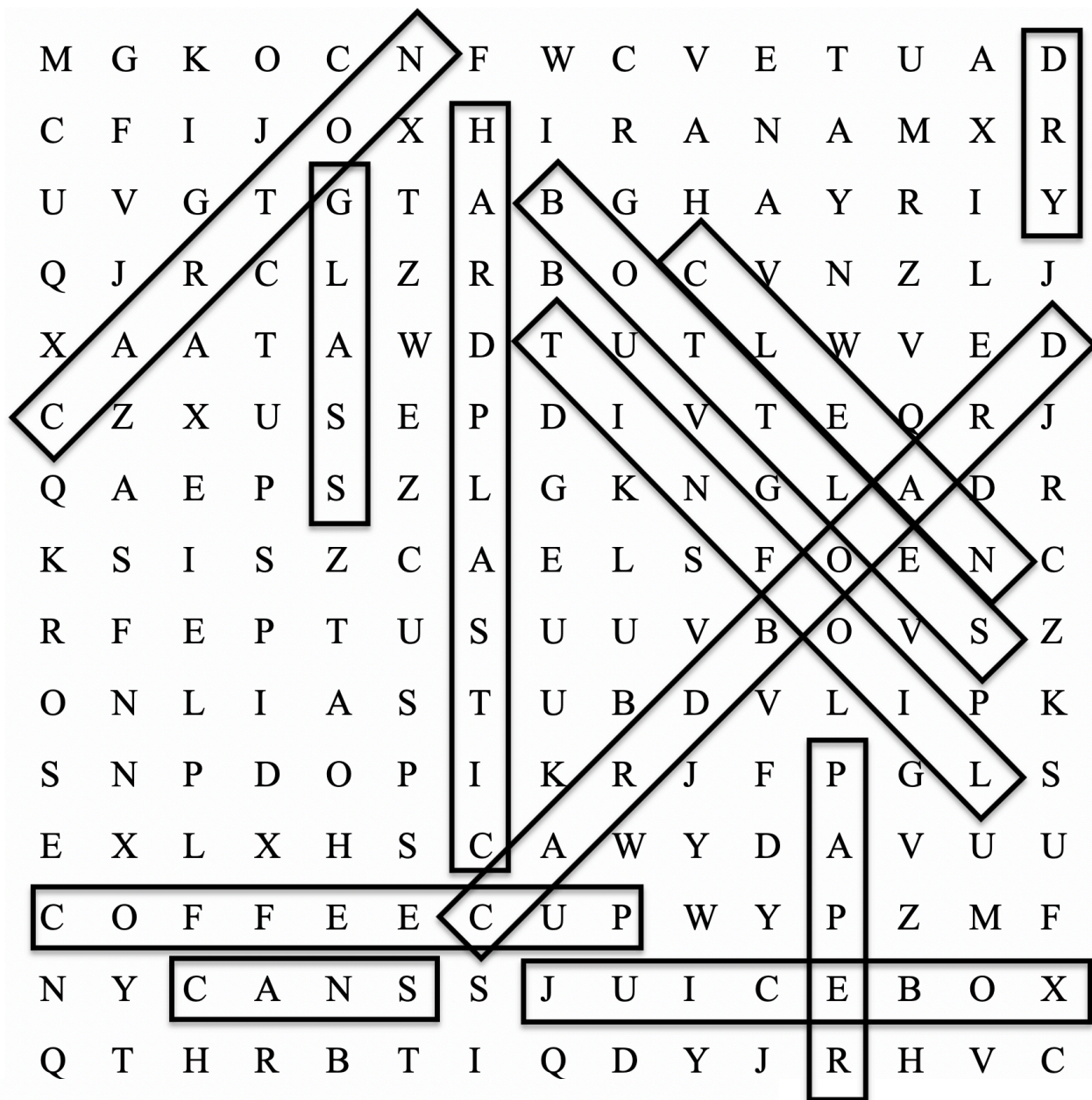
If we all **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, and REFUSE** plastic, it will make the future better for all of us. So encourage your family and friends to be **BETTER AT THE BIN** and together we can make our planet healthy and safe for the future.



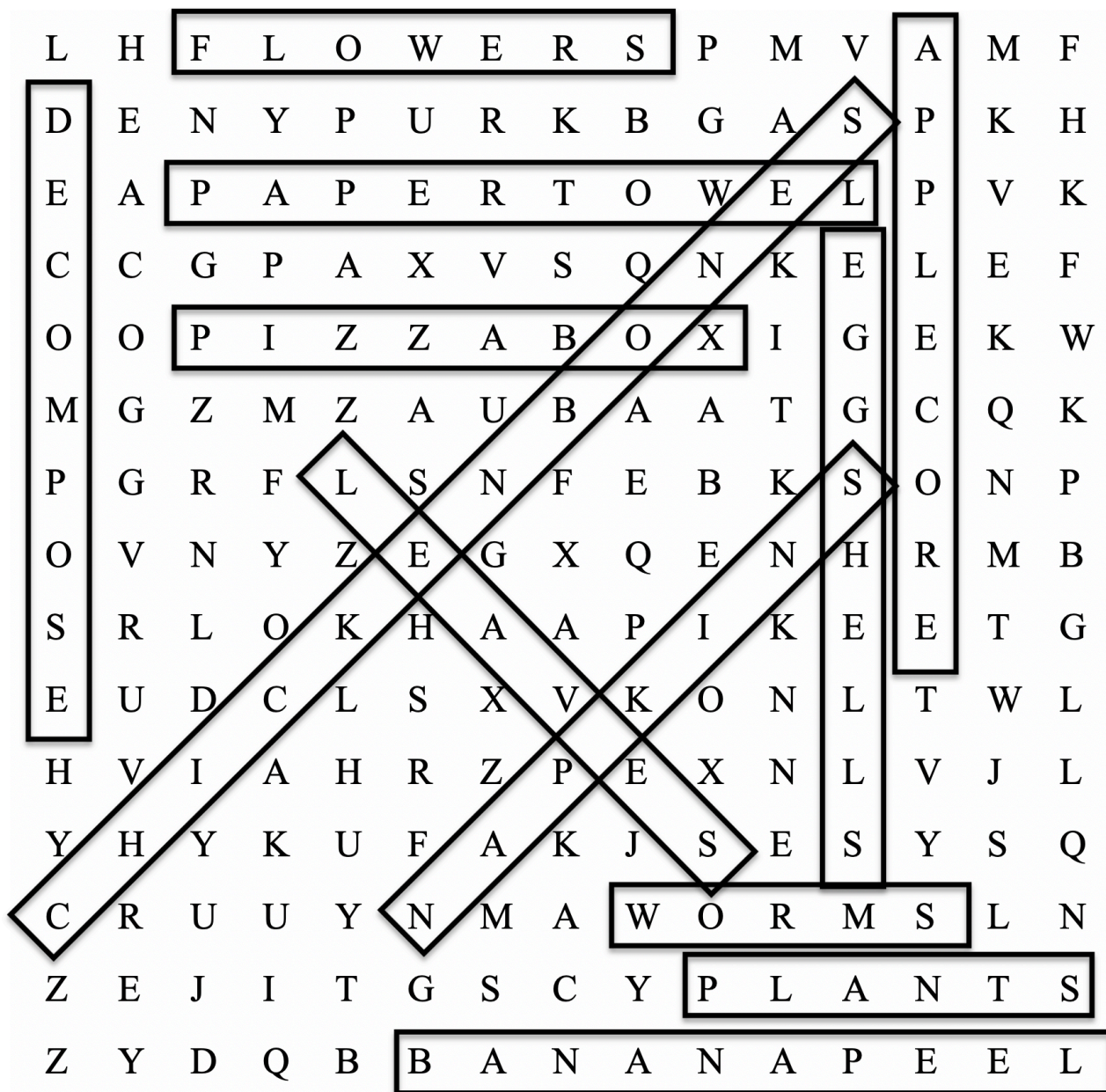


ANSWER KEYS FOR PUZZLES

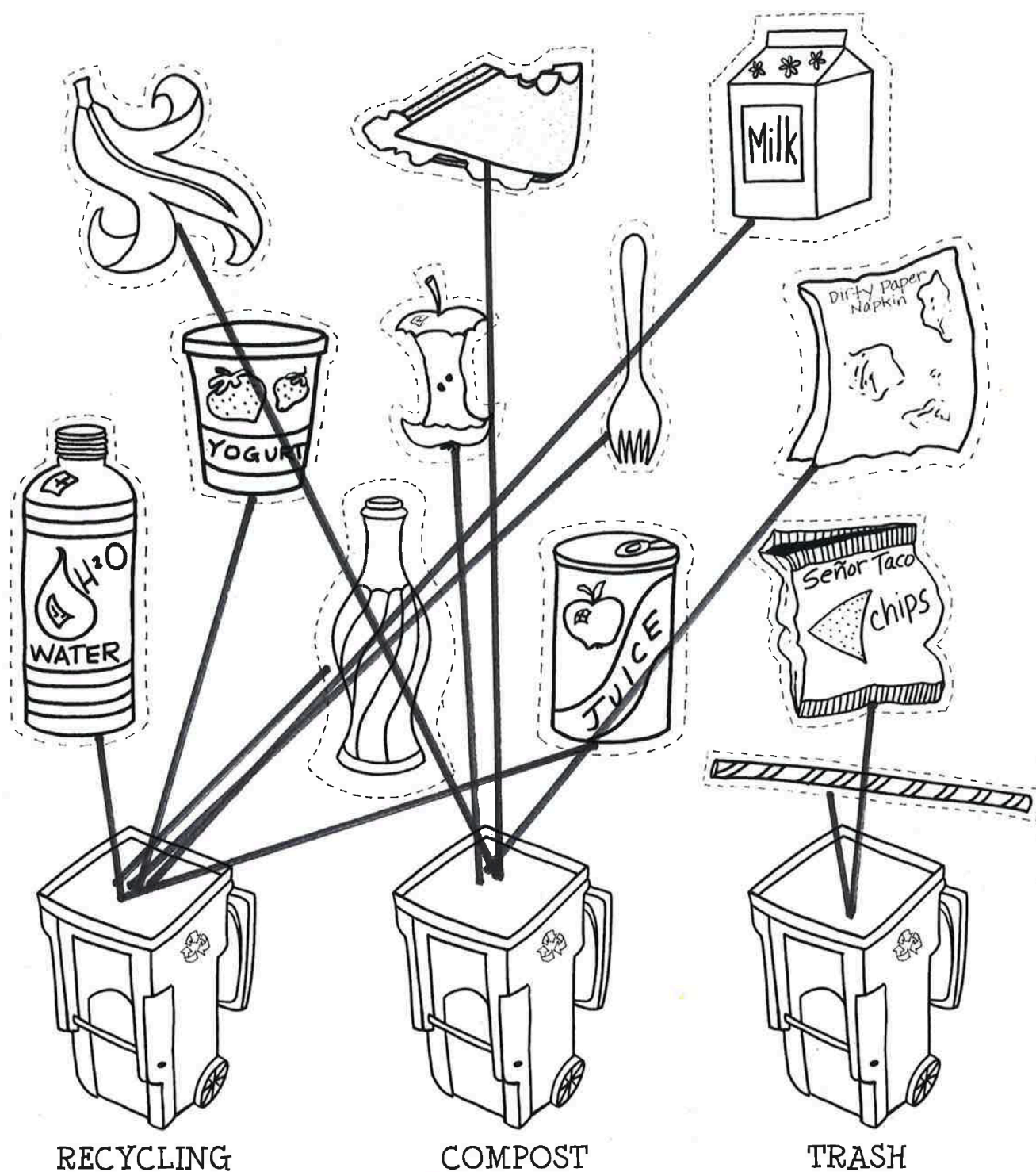
ANSWER KEY FOR RECYCLE WORD SEARCH



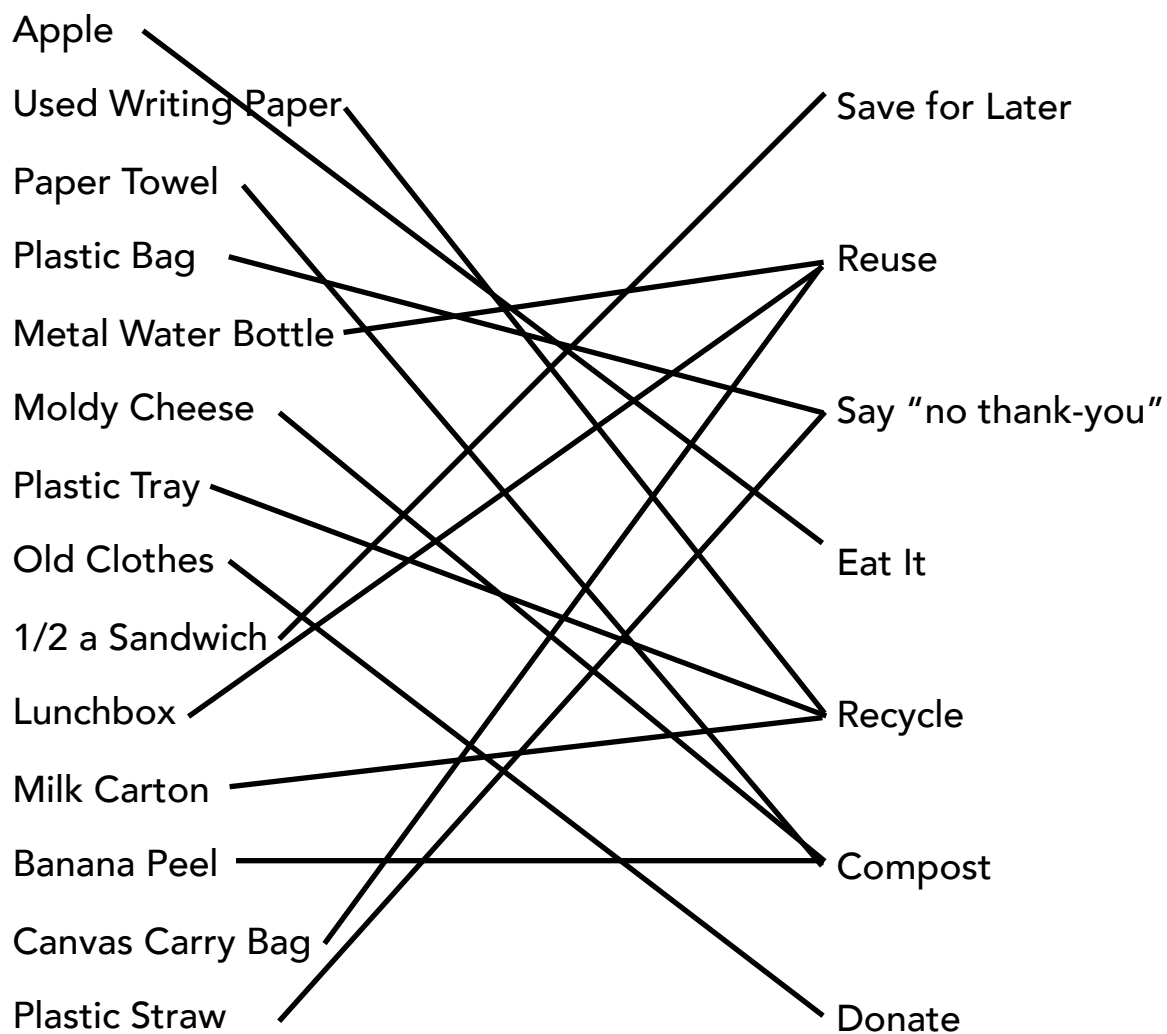
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ANSWER KEY FOR PHOEBE'S FUNTASTIC RECYCLING CHALLENGE



ANSWER KEY FOR KEEP RECYCLING!





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