

Team Activity: "The Eco Trail"

Let's set up an interactive hunt with a new three-word phrase: **"REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE"**. Here's how you can organize the activity using locations found in your classroom.

The Secret Phrase

Phrase: REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE

Total Letters = 16

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Because your locations are limited, hide multiple chits at a few spots, or use creative clue-writing for each letter or pair of letters.

Example Clues and Hiding Spots

Clue 1 (Windows):

"See-through barriers that keep out the breeze, behind their frame, the first clue you'll seize."

- Hide: Letter **R** (tucked just behind a window frame)

Clue 2 (Door):

"Where everyone enters, the start and the end; taped near the handle is your next friend."

- Hide: Letter **E** (taped inside or near the door handle)

Clue 3 (Professor's Desk):

"A place of authority, wisdom, and plans, check beneath for clues in your hands."

- Hide: Letters **D** and **U** (two chits under the desk)

Clue 4 (Whiteboard):

"Where knowledge appears and is wiped away, check along the edge for your next display."

- Hide: Letter **C** (behind or on the eraser tray of the whiteboard)

Clue 5 (Classroom Table):

"Groups gather here, ideas to share, under its top, find two letters there."

- Hide: Letters **E** and **P** (taped under a table)

Clue 6 (Cluster of Chairs):

"We sit and discuss, but now take a look beneath the seat for the clue you must book."

- Hide: Letters **L** and **A** (taped under two different chairs)

Clue 7 (Back of Professor Desk):

"Behind where lessons are led, another piece of the puzzle is spread."

- Hide: Letter **S** (back of the desk)

Clue 8 (Whiteboard Corner):

"Find what begins with teaching, but in the very corner you should be reaching."

- Hide: Letter **T** (top corner of the whiteboard)

Clue 9 (Window Sill):

"Where sunlight lands during the day, the answer is not far away."

- Hide: Letters **I** and **C** (taped to the sill)

Clue 10 (Chairs/Table Cluster):

"Where students and answers congregate, so does a solution to 'waste'."

- Hide: Letters **W, A, S, T, E** (distribute across chairs and table legs)

Total: All 16 letters hidden

How to Play

1. **Split into teams.** Give each team the first clue; when they find a letter, the next clue is attached to the clue. (Or, give all clues at the start for a competitive race.)
2. Teams collect the letters, noting them down.
3. Once all letters are collected, **teams work together** to unscramble and find the environmental message:

REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE

4. First team to announce and explain the correct phrase wins.

Guiding Questions (After the Game)

- What teamwork strategies worked best when searching?
- How can we each help "reduce plastic waste" in our daily lives?

Would you like me to help with printable clue cards or more sample clue rhymes?

