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W: Why **is it** important to **recycle**?

M: There are many reasons. Recycling is one way to keep wastes **out of landfills**. Landfills are places to dump waste. But they are unpopular / because they can pollute the soil used to cover them, / and that's bad for people / who may build new homes there. Recycling also reuses valuable **raw materials**, / **such as aluminum** and paper. Finally, / recycling can mean **a lower garbage bill**. Recycling lowers the **amount of waste put into landfills**. Therefore, less money is spent for **garbage disposal**.

W: How has recycling changed / over the years?

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M: 10 or 20 years ago, / you could buy milk in **returnable, refillable glass bottles**, / and many people recycled **voluntarily**. Now you buy milk and other products in plastic bottles / or paper containers. **Because of the high cost of disposing of** these things in landfills, / many city governments now have recycling programs.

W: How does recycling help the environment?

M: Recycling helps the environment mainly by saving energy. For example, / it takes 95% less energy to produce recycled **aluminum** / than to produce new aluminum.

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W: Can one person really **make a** difference? **If only** a few people recycle, / then what's the point?

M: If not you, then who? If we combine our efforts, / we can **make a** difference. **Each of us** contributes to the waste problem. All the millions of tons of waste / that go into the landfills started **as an old pair of slippers**, / a broken TV set / or **a used** magazine that came from somebody's house—maybe yours!