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# 1The average person generates over 4 pounds of trash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year.True False Next

# 2The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 40% of it.True False Next

# 3Americans throw away about 28 billion bottles and jars every year.True False Next

# 4If just 25% of American families used 10 fewer plastic bags a month, it would save over 2.5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bags a year.thousand million billion Next

# 5The average US. Household generates\_\_\_\_\_\_lbs. of compostable materials each year.550 650 750 Next

# 6What category of plastic do ABS plastics have the same considerations as?Category 7 Plastics Category 6 plastics Category 5 plastics Next

# 7What plastic is used to make styrofoam?polyethylene polypropylene polystyrene Next

* You have scored  
  1.  **True.**  We generate 4 pounds of trash each day, and 1.5 billion each year! Yuck!  
  2.  **False.**  We only recycle about 30% of it, not 40%.  
  3.  **True.**  Americans throw away about 28 billion bottles and jars every year that could be recycled instead. A glass container can go from a recycling bin to a store shelf in as few as 30 days.  
  4.  **Billion!**  Can you believe it?  
  5.  **650**  . Yes, it's true. 650 pounds of compostable material goes uncomposted each year  *per household* .  
  6.  **Category 7.** ABS plastics have the same considerations as Category 7 platics  
  7.**Polystyrene.** Polystyrene is the plastic used to make styrofoam.  
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Understand Your Recyclables

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Code | Description |  | Environmental Significance |
|  | Usually found on clear plastics such as soda and water bottles. When recycled, it is used to make tote bags, furniture, carpeting, and polyester clothing. |  | It is commonly recycled by recycling programs. However, harmful chemicals are used in the cleaning of the recycled material and the environmental impact may be harmful. |

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| **Corinne** |  | **Corinne**  is a rising senior in the Class of 2016. In her free time, she enjoys playing soccer and traveling. She is also an aspiring superhero. |
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