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We're All In This Together

"You can too!" You can recycle. Will you? Recycling is part of the three R's: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Recycling can change the way we live today: it can make it an exceptional living for us. 77% of the United States recycles. That isn't bad when compared to Australia, which only 7% of them recycle. **The real question:** is 77% enough? Can we do better than that? Although, recycling can be a waste of time, actually, it can turn aluminum cans and plastic bottles into new aluminum cans, plastic chairs and tables; it helps reduce the need for landfills, which will give us more space; and it can help save the Earth.

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Comment [jap2]: Thesis with counterargument and position within it.

Trash. Everybody loathes that word, and nobody wants anything to do with it. That's where recycling comes in and saves the day. Taylor Swift said, "The three R's are the three next steps to becoming a better Earth." **Instead** of having flatten juice boxes and crushed up water bottles laying around in the middle of the street, and on people's lawns, they can turn it reusable paper, and new aluminum cans. **For example,** you can take newspaper and turn it into new, reusable bags. **In addition,** they can melt metal, and can recycle it into new metal forks and spoons. **Therefore,** you are helping to conserve energy. Wouldn't you much rather recycle, and conserve energy, rather than waste it? It's a big assist to trashcans, because then it's not as full, and you know the newspaper and metal are being used for new forks, spoons and bags. It's not just laying around in a trashcan, smelly and torn up. **Recently,** we have had limited space for paper, bottles, gum wrappers, and other sorts of trash people chuck on the ground. **It's obvious, that not only does**

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recycling reuse trash, it also prevents landfills.

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Space can be used for farming, trees, houses, etc. Obviously, you wouldn't want to use that space for dirty, smelly pizza boxes, and empty tissue boxes. Right? We have a lot of space throughout this country that we live in: The United States of America. So, if we fill it with pizza boxes and tissue boxes, it won't matter, no big deal. It's not like we only have limited amount of space. However, it can be used for shopping centers or soccer Fields, instead of piles of empty cardboard boxes with flies buzzing around them. If we Recycle, then it helps reduce the need for landfills, which will give us more space for schools, parking lots, and playgrounds. When we throw empty soda bottles and scrap paper away, we may not realize -- it takes up a lot of space. Where do you think think it goes? It just magically disappears? No. It goes to landfills. Also, recycling can help save the Earth, whether you know it or not.

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Not only can recycling turn aluminum cans into new cans, or save space. It saves the Earth. When there is trash on the grass, it can pollute the air that we breathe. No one wants to live in a polluted environment. So, by recycling you can rescue the Earth from being sick. Oh! With a clean environment, we are able to do more activities. For example, you can ride airplanes more often. (You can't take a plane if the air is polluted.) Also, by recycling you are reusing the pieces of paper that you already used before. By doing that, we don't have to use as much paper. In addition, if we reuse paper, then we won't have to cut down as much trees, and the Earth will have more trees. Since we will have more trees, we will have more oxygen. So, the more you recycle, the better turnout there will be.

When you think about it, recycling can do more than you think. First of all, it can take

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newspaper, and turn it into new reusable bags. In addition, recycling helps reduce the need for landfills, which will give us more space for farmland, buildings, trees, etc. Not only that...it saves the Earth! Who doesn't want to save our planet, and prevent it from getting sick? One person can make difference throughout the whole world. "Now that's where you're wrong." You might say. "One person can't make a worldly difference. So, if everyone is not going to help out to recycle, then why should we recycle at all? It's just a waste of time." Obviously, you know recycling isn't a waste of time, though. Anything that ends up with a good turnout, was not a waste of time. When we recycle, there is always a good turnout. Therefore, it isn't a waste of time. Be that person who makes a difference in your community and recycle—the world will thank-you for it!

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