

# What breaks down the fastest?

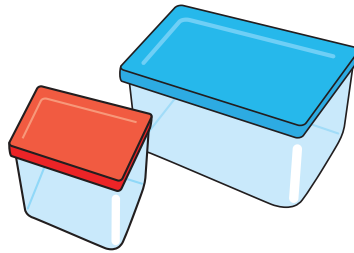
## You will need:

1. 4-6 small items of rubbish, eg banana peel, apple core, newspaper, crisp packet, bread crust, cardboard sleeve
2. 4-6 small, see-through containers with lids, eg food tubs
3. Water
4. Moist garden soil

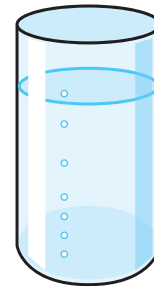
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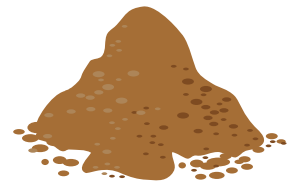
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## What to do:

1. Place each item in a different container, cover with some soil and put the lid on.
2. Water the soil in each container every day (just enough to keep the soil damp). Make sure your soil doesn't dry out, and if it's a really cold night put your containers in a shed if you have one, or inside so that they don't freeze.
3. Check your containers every few days and watch the changes! Some change faster than others, and anything plastic, eg crisp packets, should stay as they are. Anything that was once living is called organic and will breakdown. This is how you can turn fruit and vegetables into compost!

