



Where Do Old Batteries Go?



Read it

Batteries store energy so toys, remotes, and flashlights can work. When a battery runs out, the metals inside can still be recycled and used again. But batteries do not belong in the recycling bin at home. Some batteries can spark or start fires in trucks and recycling centers. Old batteries need to go to a special battery drop-off spot. **Always ask an adult before you touch old batteries.**

Part A • Match it

Draw a line from each word to what it means.

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| 1. Battery | ● | ● A. To use something again |
| 2. Recycle | ● | ● B. A place that collects old batteries |
| 3. Reduce | ● | ● C. A battery you can fill with energy many times |
| 4. Reuse | ● | ● D. Something that stores energy to power a device |
| 5. Rechargeable | ● | ● E. To use less of something |
| 6. Drop-off spot | ● | ● F. To turn used materials into something new |

Part B • Safe choice or not safe?

Read each choice. Put a check in the box that fits.

Choice	Safe	Not safe
7. Ask an adult before touching old batteries.	☐	☐
8. Put old batteries in the recycling bin at home.	☐	☐
9. Carry loose batteries in a pocket with coins or keys.	☐	☐
10. Use rechargeable batteries when you can.	☐	☐
11. Pick up a battery that is leaking or puffed up.	☐	☐
12. Go with an adult to a battery drop-off spot.	☐	☐

Name _____

Part C • Word search

Find each word in the puzzle. Words go across (→) or down (↓). Circle each one.

**Word bank****BATTERY****RECYCLE****REUSE****REDUCE****METAL****ENERGY****SAFETY****ADULT****CHARGE****DROPOFF**

Tip: DROPOFF has no dash in the puzzle.

Part D • Short answer**13.** Why shouldn't batteries go in the recycling bin at home?

14. Name one way your family could make less battery waste.

Part E • My battery promise

Draw or write one thing you will do to help old batteries get recycled safely.