



Slam Dunk Recycle

Mr. Ford had frequently talked to his three sons about the benefits of recycling paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and other stuff. He even set up labeled bins in the garage and asked them to put their recyclables in those. The boys would do it for a while but then lose interest and start throwing everything in with the regular trash.

Mr. Ford decided he needed to get their attention and make recycling more fun, so he fastened a basketball hoop to the garage wall and placed a large recycling box directly beneath it. He added a sign above the basketball hoop that read “Slam Dunk Recycle.”

All three of Mr. Ford’s sons love to play basketball and were very excited when they saw the new recycling station in the garage. He explained that they could practice their basketball shooting by tossing aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and wads of paper through the hoop. There was a chart for recording their points. At the end of each week, the points would be tallied and rewards given. His sons thought that was a fantastic idea and began a little friendly competition. Some of their friends even joined in the fun. Suddenly, a whole lot of recycling started happening in the Ford household, and as a bonus, the boys’ basketball skills improved too.

Use the words in the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.

1. Mr. Ford talked to his sons about _____.
2. He put labeled _____ in the garage for recycling bottles, etc.
3. The boys would recycle for a while but then lose _____.
4. Mr. Ford decided to make recycling more _____.
5. So, he fastened a _____ to the garage wall.
6. His sons could practice _____ while recycling stuff.
7. They earned _____ each time they made a basket.
8. Each week, the points were _____ and rewards given.

WORD BANK

points
recycling
basketball hoop
tallied
bins
interest
fun
basketball