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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

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A Special Saturday

Mulberry Street was a quiet street in a **pleasant residential neighborhood**. On Mondays, people placed brightly colored boxes on the sidewalk in front of their houses. Monday was an important day on Mulberry Street where Jenna lived with her family. That is because it was **recycling** day. On this day, all the families on the street, including Jenna's, gathered their recycling. They **loaded** the boxes on the sidewalk with paper, plastic, and cans. Then trucks came to pick up all of it up and take it to the recycling center in the city.





Today was not Monday. It was Saturday. But this Saturday was not going to be like other Saturdays. On this particular day, Jenna woke up early because she felt very excited. She and her dad were going to make a special trip to the recycling center. Jenna wanted to show her dad what she had learned on her class field trip in the previous week.



When Jenna's teacher had told the class they were going to the recycling center, Jenna wasn't very happy. She thought it was going to be a really boring field trip. But when they got to the recycling center and she saw all the **neat** things that happened there, she changed her mind.

“Jenna!” her dad yelled up the stairs. “Are you coming? We need to get started with the recycling.”

Jenna quickly ran down the stairs, ready to begin collecting recyclable items. Her father was standing in the living room holding a couple of recycling bags. “Where do you want to start?” she asked her father.





“Well, I thought we could begin working right here in the living room,” said Jenna’s dad. “Why don’t you take this empty box and the old magazines? You can put them in this green bag.”

Getting Dad to Change His Mind

“Dad, did you know that we can **reuse** most of these things?” asked Jenna. “That includes magazines.”

“How so?” asked her dad.

“Well, we can give the magazines we do not want to the library. And we can use this empty tissue box for art projects,” she replied.

