

Sort for Compost

Book 4 · The Scraps That Stayed

You need: A grown-up, paper or clean picture cards, and examples such as a dry leaf and a fresh vegetable peel.

1. With a grown-up, sort drawings or clean examples into suitable fresh plant scraps and suitable dry materials.
2. Make a separate do-not-add list for a simple home compost bin: meat, dairy, oils, pet waste, sick plants, and unknown treated materials.
3. If a grown-up already manages compost, observe from a safe distance and record one change over time.
4. Let the grown-up manage moisture, mixing, pests, and when the compost is ready.

Garden safely: Do not open, stir, touch, or sniff moldy compost. Children with relevant allergies or breathing concerns can use pictures only. Wash hands. Do not use raw manure or pet waste.

Another way: Picture sorting teaches the same idea without a compost bin.

Wonder: Which changes would you need more time to notice?

My garden notes

Name: _____ Date: _____

I noticed...

I wonder...

Next time, I could...
