

Presenter: I love listening to the sounds of the ocean. It's so peaceful and it reminds me what a beautiful place our planet earth is. Welcome to storytime by *Lingokids*, where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of play learning. Today, we'll spend the day at the beach, enjoying the sun and sand and learning about recycling.

What a beautiful day to be at the beach. The blue sky is full of fluffy white clouds. The sand looks so soft and sparkly. Wait, what's that dirty plastic bottle doing here on the sand?

Cowdy: Oh-oh, that's not good.

Lisa: What should we do?

Billy: [whistles]

Presenter: That's a great idea, Billy, let's go pick it up.

Elliot: Why? It's not ours.

Presenter: That's true, Elliot. It may not be our trash, but planet earth is our amazing home. It's full of lush forests, beautiful lakes and rivers, and all kinds of incredible plants and animals.

Elliot: Yes, like lions and panda bears.

Cowdy: Cows, blue whales, and elephants.

Presenter: If we don't take care of our planet, it may not stay this way. We can do our part by picking up trash and putting it in the bin or even recycling it.

Elliot: Is it that when you ride your bike?

Presenter: [laughs] Good guess Elliot, but actually, recycling is when we put our trash in a special place so that it can be transformed and used again. Many different things can be recycled. Like a plastic bottle.

Cowdy: Ew, but I don't want to use a dirty bottle.

Presenter: Oh, no, Cowdy, we wouldn't use that same bottle. Instead, we would put it in a special kind of trash bin called a recycling bin. Later, the plastic from that bottle would be cleaned and transformed into something new that can be used by someone else.

Transforming trash into new and useful things is really cool. You can make all kinds of things with recycled plastic, like the eco-friendly beach ball and frisbee you

brought Elliot. Or maybe the plastic water slippers you're wearing, Cowy. By recycling, we make sure that our trash is being used again and not polluting the ocean or other natural environments. Think about this, how long do you think the bottle would stay there if we left it on the ground?

Elliot: A day?

Presenter: Longer than that.

Elliot: A year?

Presenter: Even longer. If no one picked it up, it could stay there for hundreds of years without decomposing or breaking down.

Cowy: Oh, no.

Presenter: Even worse, it could get dragged into the ocean and a whale or another animal might accidentally eat it and get hurt.

Lisa: That would be really sad.

Elliot: Let's go and pick it up.

Cowy: Okay. What do we do now?

Lisa: Where do we put it?

Presenter: I see some trash bins over there. Let's go see if one of them is a recycling bin.

Elliot: How do we know?

Presenter: Do you see how one of the bins has a green top?

Elliot: Oh yes, I see.

Presenter: The recycling bin usually has a different color like green, yellow, or blue. Many times, it will have a sign with three special curved arrows pointing towards each other. That's the symbol for recycling.

Look, there are three recycling bins. One says paper, one says glass, and one says plastic. All of these things can be recycled.

Billy: [chirps]

Presenter: Yes, Billy, you're right. It's important to recycle well and make sure you're putting things in the right bin.

Elliot: Why?

Presenter: Just imagine if someone mistakenly put glass in the plastic bin and your plastic slippers ended up being glass slippers, Cowy.

If you don't recycle well, then the trash can't be reused and will end up polluting the planet. If you're not sure how to recycle something or where to put it, just ask an adult to help.

Billy: [chirps]

Presenter: I'm glad you asked Billy. *Lingokids* listeners, in which recycling bin should we put the plastic bottle? Glass, Paper, or plastic?

Cowy: Plastic.

Presenter: That's right. In the plastic recycling bin because the bottle is plastic. Well done everyone.

Billy: [chirps]

Presenter: Yes, Billy. I see other people picking up trash too.

Cowy: Why are they all wearing yellow vests?

Presenter: They must be part of a special group that gets together to clean up the beach.

There are many groups in different parts of the world dedicated to picking up trash and making the planet a cleaner place.

Elliot: That is so nice.

Cowy: Can we join them?

Presenter: I'm sure they would love our help. Getting involved with your community and joining local cleanup groups is a great way to do your part in protecting the planet.

Cowy: Let's do it.

Presenter: All right *Lingokids* friends. Let's go do some recycling. Are you all ready?

Cowy: Yes.

Lisa: Yes.

Billy: [chirps]

Elliot: Yes.

Presenter: Let's go. I had a great time *Lingokids* listeners. Thank you for your company, and I hope you enjoyed it too. In our next episode, we will continue play-learning together. You can also check our *Lingokids* app, which has lots of fun and educational games and videos. ~~See you next week.~~