Recycling Day: Sorting Trash to Protect the Earth

Japanese · preintermediate · kids recycling · children · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Preintermediate Japanese learning song about kids recycling. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	ごみを わけて リサイクルします。 Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.	We sort the trash and recycle.	three colored bins with arrows on them
2	いっしょに ちきゅうを まもろう。 Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.	Let's protect the Earth together.	a child hugging a blue globe
3	ガラスは この ごみばこに いれてね。 Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.	Glass goes in this bin, okay?	a glass jar going into a green bin
4	しぜんを まもる。 Shizen o mamoru.	Protect nature.	a tree growing from a small seedling
5	きれいな まちは だいすき。 Kirei na machi wa daisuki desu.	I love a clean town.	a street with a bin and flowers

NEW WORDS (9)

gomi ごみ
trash

gomibako ごみばこ
trash bin

risaikuru リサイクル
recycling

wakete わけて
sorting

garasu ガラス
glass

irete いれて
put in

chikyuu ちきゅう
Earth

mamoru まもる
protect

mamorou まもろう
let's protect

Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

ra

ri

ru

re

ro

[REVIEW]

Kono mushi o yoku mite ne.

Look carefully at this bug, okay?

Chokin o chokinbako ni iremasu.

I put my savings in my piggy bank.

Suberidai de suberu no ga daisuki desu.

I love sliding on the slide.

Mizu wa tsumetai yo.

The water is cold.

Kono ki wa totemo ookii desu.

This tree is very big.

Shizen kansatsu ni ikimasu.

We go on a nature observation trip.

[CHORUS]

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

We sort the trash and recycle.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Let's protect the Earth together.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Glass goes in this bin, okay?

[VERSE 1]

Gomi ga takusan arimasu.

There is a lot of trash.

gomi

trash

gomibako

trash bin

risaikuru

recycling

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

We sort the trash and recycle.

wakete

sorting

wakemasu

sort them out

Kono gomibako wa ookii desu.

This trash bin is big.

garasu

glass

irete

put in

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Glass goes in this bin, okay?

Kono gomibako wa kirei desu.

This trash bin is pretty.

[CHORUS]

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

We sort the trash and recycle.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Let's protect the Earth together.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Glass goes in this bin, okay?

[VERSE 2]

chikyuu

Earth

mamoru

protect

mamorou

let's protect

Shizen o mamoru.

Protect nature.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Let's protect the Earth together.

Kirei na machi wa daisuki desu.

I love a clean town.

Hana to ki ga takusan.

Lots of flowers and trees.

Shizen kansatsu ni ikimasu.

We go on a nature observation trip.

Asa, gomi o wakemasu.

In the morning, I sort the trash.

Kirei na hana ni mizu o yarimasu.

I water the pretty flowers.

[CHORUS]

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

We sort the trash and recycle.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Let's protect the Earth together.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Glass goes in this bin, okay?

[MIX]

Shitsumon suru toki wa te o agete ne.

When you ask a question, raise your hand, okay?

Ii desu ne!

That's good, right!

Kono machi wa kirei desu.

This town is pretty.

Mamorou, chikyuu!

Let's protect, Earth!

Mizu o yarimasu. Mata ashita!

I water them. See you tomorrow!

[CHORUS]

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

We sort the trash and recycle.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Let's protect the Earth together.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Glass goes in this bin, okay?

[RECAP]

Gomi o wakete risaikuru shimasu.

Issho ni chikyuu o mamorou.

Garasu wa kono gomibako ni irete ne.

Mata ne.

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

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