



put it in the right bin



The recycling adventures of a food can

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Read the story below then finish it in the space provided. Use the back of this sheet if you need more space.

The food can was enjoying his life. He spent his days on a supermarket shelf, watching people walk by, waiting to be chosen and placed into someone's trolley or basket.

People often called him a 'tin', but he didn't mind, because people didn't understand that although he was coated with tin to stop him rusting, he was actually made from strong, tough steel.

Early one morning, soon after the supermarket had opened, the food can, full of tuna, was plucked from the shelf and placed into a shopping basket. The can was paid for and nestled in a green reusable bag with lots of other shopping.

The next day the food can was taken to school as part of a yummy lunch. The can's lid was popped open and the tuna inside was quickly eaten. The can then wondered what would happen to him next.

Suddenly, the owner of the can jumped up from the bench and carelessly left the can sitting there. The can was concerned. What was going to become of him?

As the can sat there helplessly, feeling like just another piece of litter, a boy who was passing by, gently lifted the can and walked to some nearby bins. The boy stopped. The can could tell the boy was unsure about which bin to place him in.

The can wanted to yell, 'I go in the recycling bin!', but, of course, couldn't talk. The boy slowly lifted the lid of the bin which said 'Recycling Only' and dropped it in.

The can landed softly on some old newspapers, and was now happy because he had arrived safely in the correct bin.

What will happen to the food can now? What is the next chapter of his adventure?
