

COMPOST RELAY



TEACHER GUIDE

AGES: 7 - 9

SCIENCE: ENVIRONMENT / BIOLOGY

This is a great team activity to get children thinking carefully about composting. They will have to sort object cards based on whether they can be composted or not in a fun relay race.

Teaching structure:

- Discuss what composting is and why it's so important.
- Put the students into teams of 3 or 4.
- Have two labeled zones or tubs for "compost" and "don't compost".
- Get the students to line up in their teams a good distance from the zones or tubs.
- The first person from each team collects an object card from the teacher and takes it back to their team.
- The team discusses whether it can be composted or not before the first player runs it to the correct zone / tub.
- The next child then runs to collect a new card.
- Do this activity for an agreed amount of time or until all of the object cards have been used.
- Go through the object cards to see if they are all correct.
- To add a greater level of competition you can get each team to write or put a colored sticker on each of the cards they collect and then count up how many cards each team got correct.

