



## Worksheet: Rethink, Grade 2 Social Studies

Read the scenarios below and explain how each is an example of **rethinking** waste.

1. Zayn has grown out of a few sweaters. He has a younger brother who fits into his old clothes, so he passes them down to him.
  
2. Nadia loves to play outside, but she can be very clumsy. Sometimes during recess when she plays Four Squares, she trips and rips a hole in her jeans. When Nadia gets home, she asks her dad to sew the hole for her.

Read the scenarios below and suggest one way to **Rethink** waste.

1. Neha's favorite pastime is reading. Every weekend, her mum takes her to the bookstore and lets her buy three new books. Neha reads her new books once, then places them onto her bookshelf. She returns to the bookstore and gets three more books. As she buys more books, the number of books on Neha's bookshelf grows.
  
2. Hiro is at the grocery store with his parents. He would like to buy some apples but is unsure if he should buy the unpackaged ones or the ones packaged in plastic.

# Answer Sheet: Rethink, Grade 2 Social Studies

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1. Zayn has grown out of a few sweaters. He has a younger brother who fits into his old clothes, so he passes them down to him.

Instead of throwing away clothes that are still in good condition, sharing, lending or handing-down clothing is a great way to Rethink waste. It prevents these items from being thrown in the garbage and reduces the need for someone to buy a new sweater made of new material.

2. Nadia loves to play outside, but she can be very clumsy. Sometimes during recess when she plays Four Squares, she trips and rips a hole in her jeans. When Nadia gets home, she asks her dad to sew the hole for her.

By patching up the hole in her jeans instead of buying a new pair of pants, Nadia prevents the creation of additional waste.

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Instead of buying new books from the bookstore every week, Neha could borrow books from the library. By borrowing them, she can enjoy reading them while still allowing other community members to get use out of them too. Purchasing a book and only reading it once wastes paper, energy, and resources.

4. Hiro is at the grocery store with his parents. He would like to buy some apples but is unsure if he should buy the unpackaged ones or the ones packaged in plastic

At the grocery store many items are wrapped in unnecessary packaging. When possible, try to choose items with less packaging. This reduces the creation of extra plastic waste.