Lesson Plan © Easy Access English

Cardboard

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Objectives: Review the past tenses. Learn some new vocabulary

Activity1 : **Questions**

1. How would you describe cardboard?
2. What kinds of things are made from cardboard?
3. Do you think companies use too much cardboard?
4. Is there a better material that could be used to replace cardboard?
5. Do you always recycle your cardboard?



Activity2: **Facts and vocabulary.**

Read the facts with your teacher and explain the meaning of the words in **bold**

1. 1 ton of cardboard requires 17 trees for the use of **pulp**
2. In 2003, paper and **paperboard** accounted for 35 percent of the total materials discarded in the USA
3. Cardboard boxes are made up of **thick**, **heavy**, **sturdy** paper
4. Cardboard is used to **ship** 90 percent of all products
5. Cardboard is safe to dispose of as it has no toxic constituents and is **biodegradable**
6. Most cardboard **waste** comes from big companies
7. Cardboard is one of the easiest materials to recycle since the **fibre** in cardboard has already been processed

Activity3: **Past tense review**

Let's review three of the main past tenses used in English

Top tip: Remember that we use the same tense in the answer that we see in the question!

Three important tenses to remember. Read the descriptions and answer the questions

Past Simple – the most used past tense

- Uses the past simple of the verb (remember those irregular verbs)
- You can use a time phrase with these sentences (the action is finished)

Last year I went to Barcelona

Present perfect – this tense is used for an experience (something that you did but might do again)

- We don't used a specific date or time in the past
- The structure always uses 'have/has' = HAVE/HAS + Past participle

I have been to Australia before

Past continuous – This tense is used for an action happening for an amount of time at a specific point or for an interrupted action

- We use WAS/WERE + verbING
- We use 'when' to link the action and the interruption

I was waiting for the plane when they announced it was delayed

On my holiday last summer I was sunbathing everyday

Activity4: ***Past tense practice***

Using the suggested verbs, create some sentences about your work or personal life
For example: How long have you been recycling paper and cardboard at home/ at work?

Activity5: Gap fill

Fill in the gaps with the correct past tense of the verb suggested (some gaps might need two words)

1. I _____ recycling paper since I was young (be)
2. I _____ away some paper in a normal bin when a woman _____ at me to stop! (Throw / shout)
3. Yesterday I _____ to the recycling bank to dispose of all the cardboard from my home (go)
4. Last week I _____ someone using too much packaging for a small parcel (see)

Activity6: Reading Comprehension

Read the text with your partner or teacher and answer the questions.

Cardboard is a generic term for a heavy-duty paper of various strengths, ranging from a simple arrangement of a single thick sheet of paper to complex configurations featuring multiple corrugated and uncorrugated layers.
Despite widespread use in general English and French, the term is deprecated in business and industry. Material producers, container manufacturers, and standards organisations, try to use more specific terminology. There is still no complete and uniform usage. Often the term "cardboard" is avoided because it does not define any particular material.

History

The term has been used since at least as early as 1848, when Anne Brontë mentioned it in her novel, *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*. The Kellogg brothers first used paperboard cartons to hold their flaked corn cereal, and later, when they began marketing it to the general public, a heat-sealed bag of Wax paper was wrapped around the outside of the box and printed with their brand name. This marked the origin of the cereal box, though in modern times, the sealed bag is plastic and is kept inside the box rather than outside. Another early American packaging industry pioneer was the Kieckhefer Container Company, run by John W. Kieckhefer, which excelled in the use of fibre shipping containers, which especially included the paper milk carton.

Recycling

Most types of "cardboard" are recyclable. Boards that are laminates, wax coated, or treated for wet-strength are often more difficult to recycle. Clean cardboard (i.e. cardboard that has not been subject to chemical coatings) "is usually worth recovering, although often the difference between the value it realises and the cost of recovery is marginal". Cardboard can be recycled industrially, or for home uses. For example, cardboard may be composted or shredded for animal bedding.

Activity7: Look at the pictures on the next page and explain to your partner or teacher the different types of cardboard and what they are used for











Activity8 : Story telling

Using the past tenses tell your teacher or partner a story using as many of the cardboard objects from above as you can.

