

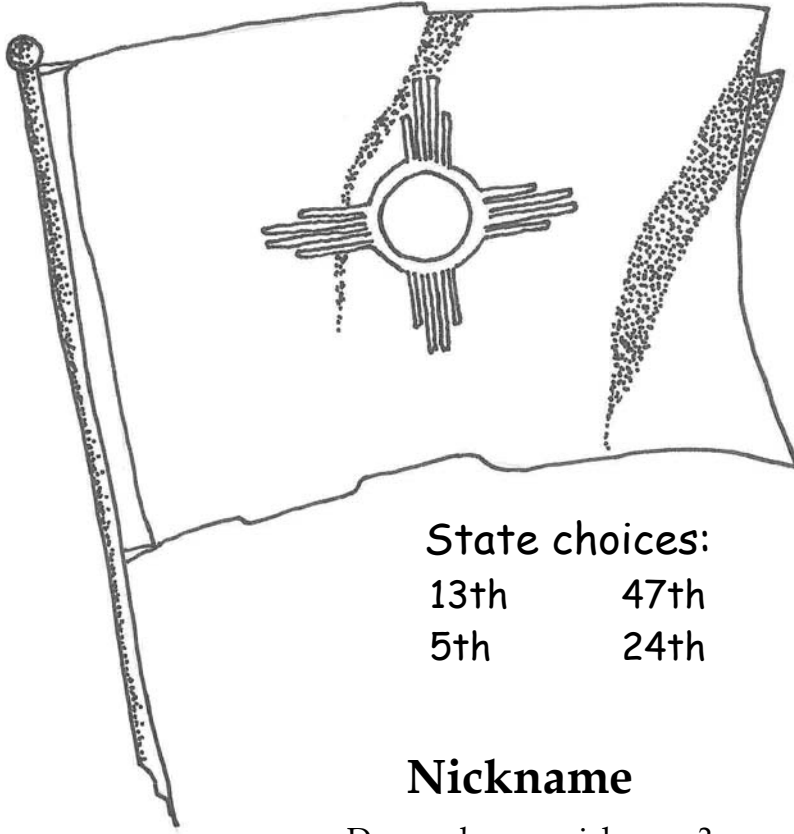
Fun with  
**Dusty Roadrunner**  
Activity Book!



My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My school: \_\_\_\_\_

# Viva New Mexico!



## State

On January 6, 1912, New Mexico became the \_\_\_\_\_  
(see choices below)

State in the United States of America.

Every year we celebrate the New Mexico State Birthday on January 6 to remember this historic event!

Do you know the colors of the New Mexico State flag?

## State choices:

13th	47th
5th	24th

## Nickname

Do you have a nickname?  
New Mexico's nickname is the "Land of Enchantment"  
because there are so many amazing things in our state.  
What is your nickname?

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Dusty  
Roadrunner

## National Monuments

Dusty Roadrunner, our cleanup mascot in New Mexico, has traveled all over the state to pick up litter. Look at the map on the next page and find the city or area where you live.

The following is a list of the National Monuments in our state.

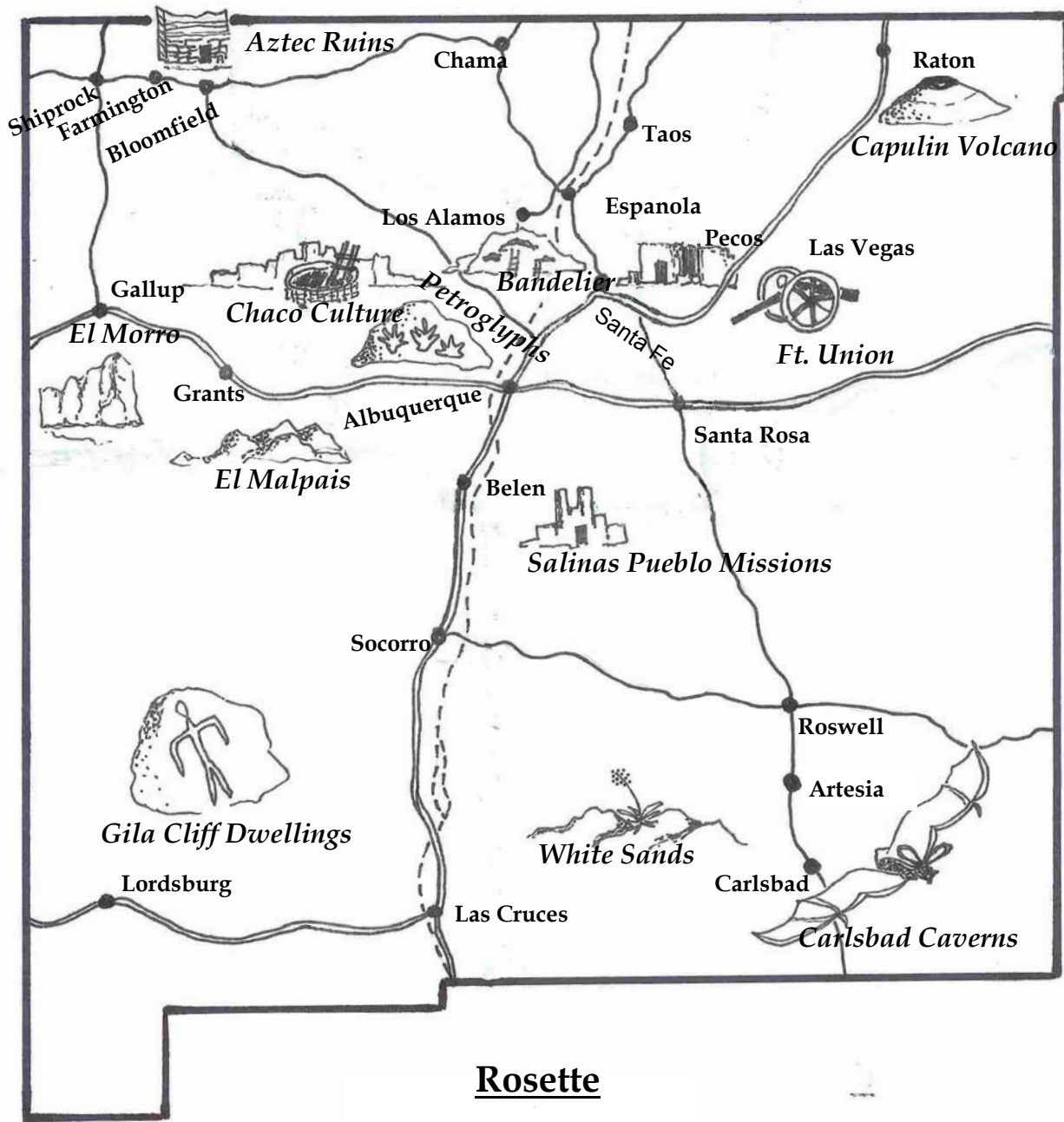
1) Circle any you have visited. 2) How many can you find on the map?

Aztec Ruins  
Chaco canyon  
Capulin volcano  
El Morro  
El Malpais  
White Sands




Fort Union  
Petroglyphs  
Bandelier  
Carlsbad Caverns  
Pecos  
Salinas Pueblo Missions

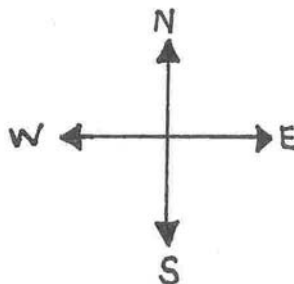


# Cities and National Monuments in New Mexico

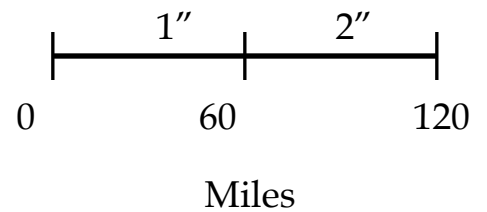


## Legend

-  Interstate
-  State highway
-  River



## Scale



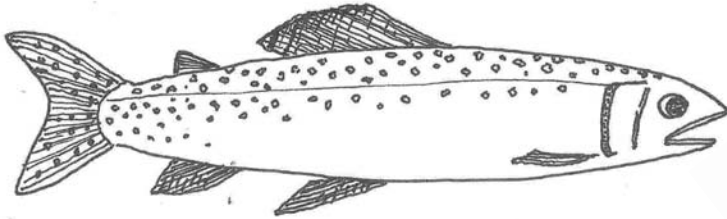
Circle your town on this state map.

# Wildlife New Mexico!

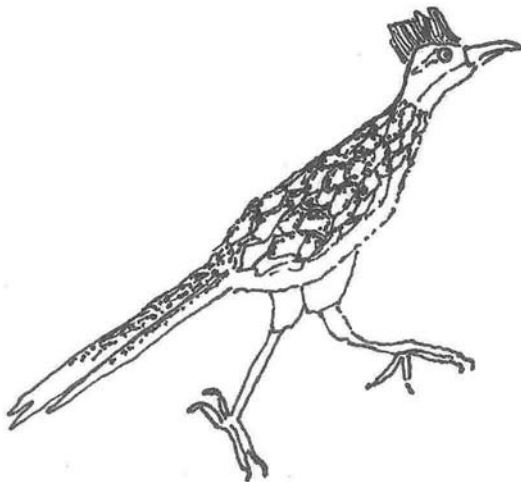
What do you know about our amazing state animals?  
Test your knowledge and fill in their names.

Many animals have a home in New Mexico.  
We call a wild animal's home it's *habitat*.

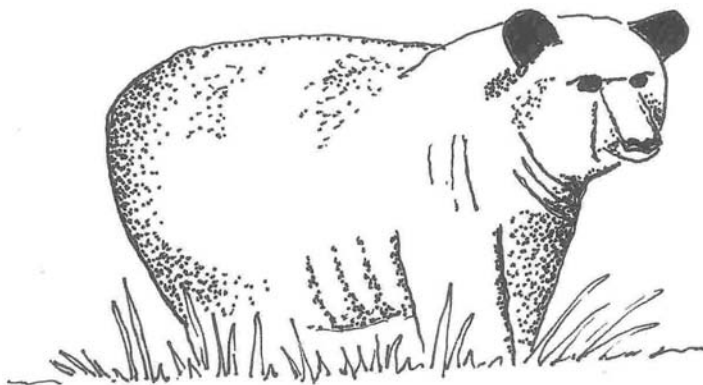
## Animals



Rio Grande Cutthroat \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



Greater \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

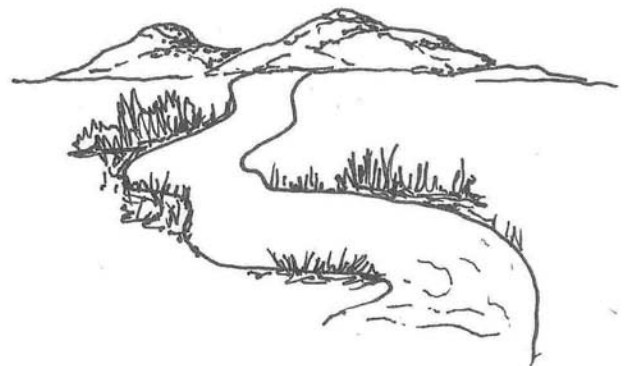


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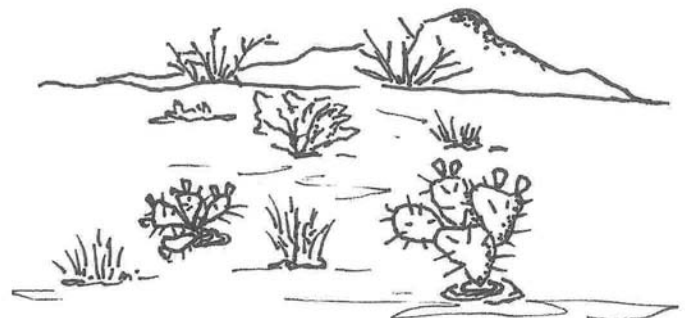
## Habitats



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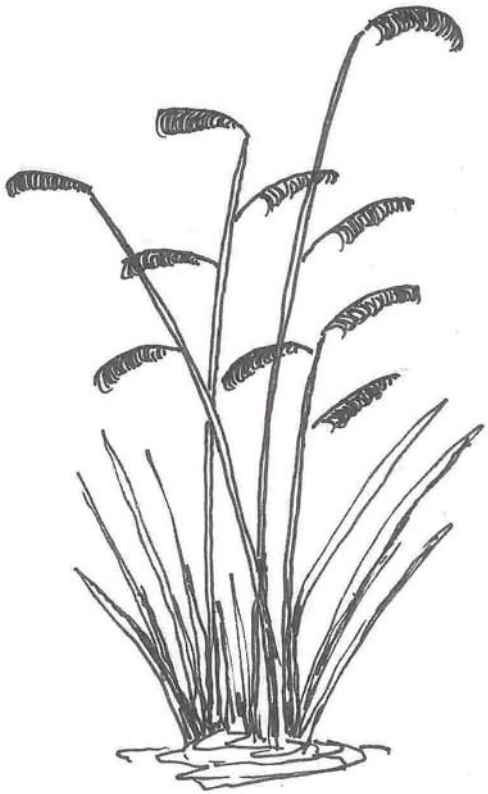


B. River



C. Desert scrubland

# Wow! The wonderful things that grow in New Mexico!



State grass:

## Plant Names

Green chile  
Pinyon pine  
Soaptree yucca  
Pinto beans  
Blue gramma grass



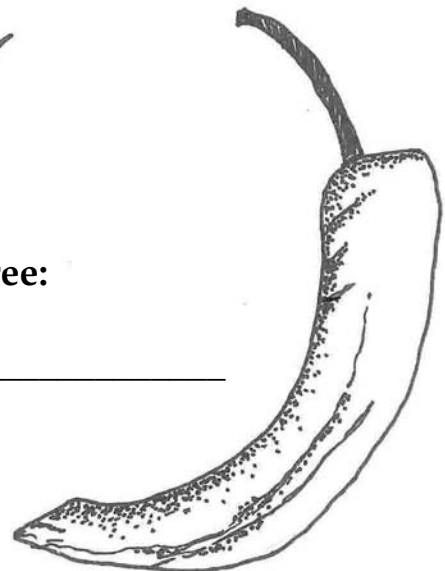
State flower:



State vegetable:



State tree:



State vegetable:

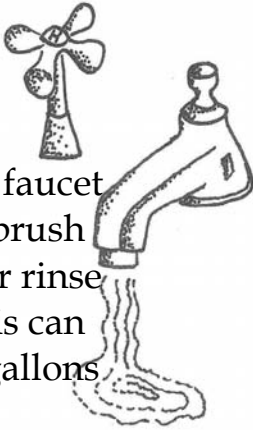
# Water Conservation



is using less water today so there is enough for the future.

## Ideas for conserving water at home:

Turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth or rinse dishes. This can save 3 to 7 gallons



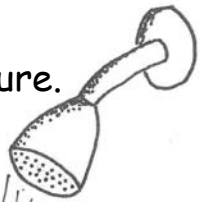
Take a quick shower instead of a bath.  
A shower uses around 5 gallons of water a minute.

How many minutes do you take for a shower? \_\_\_\_\_

1) How many gallons is that?

\_\_\_\_\_ minutes for shower x 5 gallons = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

A bath usually takes about 50 gallons of water!  
2) How much water can you save taking a shower instead of a bath? \_\_\_\_\_ gallons

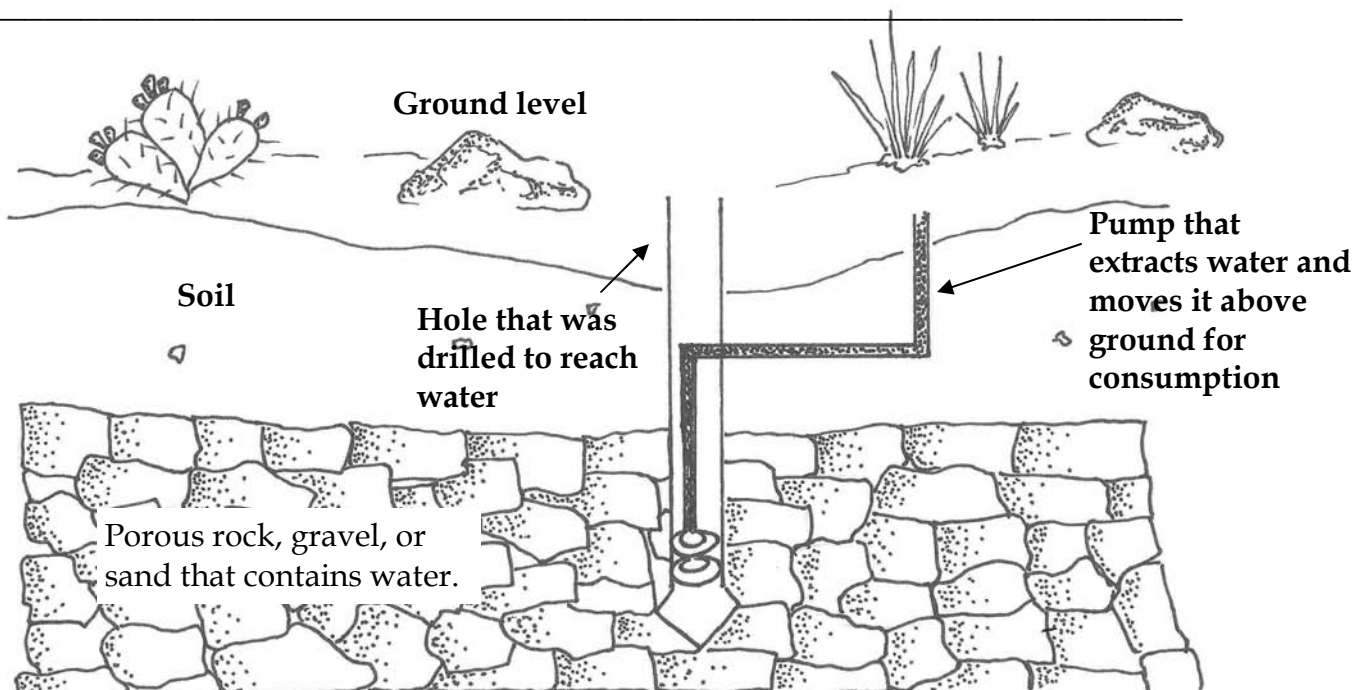


## Aquifer

Did you know that most of us in New Mexico get our water from underground? An aquifer is an underground layer of permeable rock, sand, or gravel from which water can be extracted.

The water in an aquifer is limited, so we must protect our water supply by conserving water whenever we can.

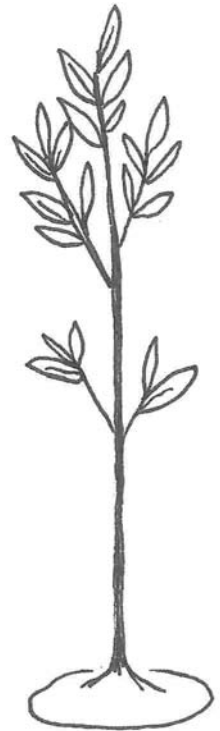
Here is a diagram of an aquifer and pump. Name two things you can do to conserve water:



# Things you can do to Keep New Mexico Beautiful

## Word Search:

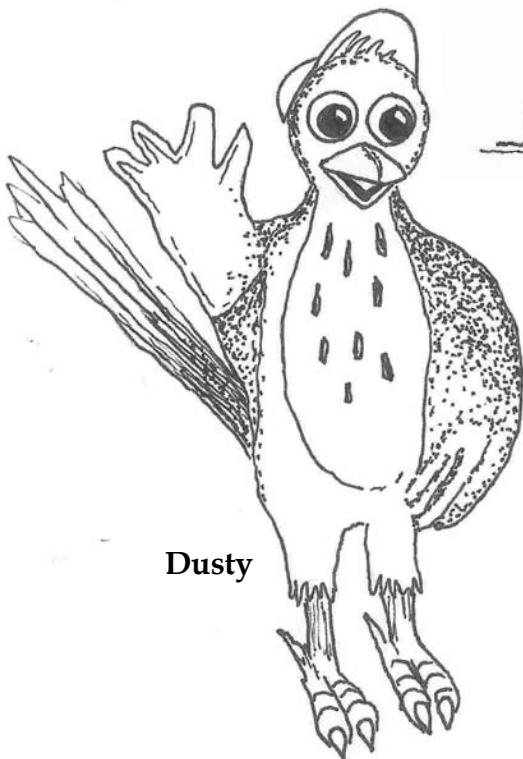
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Beautification  
Conserve Water  
Recycle  
Save energy

Cleanup  
Compost  
Reduce  
Xeriscape

Litter Control  
Native planting  
Reuse  
Take responsibility



Dusty



Dusty Roadrunner is counting on you to  
take care of your town!

Tagging, vandalizing, and creating graffiti hurts  
everyone.

How do you feel when you see graffiti?

Vandalism and graffiti send a message  
that nobody cares about that place.

It also costs a lot of money to clean it up and that money  
could be used for other things, like your school.



# Bite into a slice of this delicious **Garbage Pizza**!

This pizza represents the amount and type of trash all Americans put into our landfills during one year. A landfill is a large hole in the ground where we put our waste. It is lined with plastic to make sure no liquids leak out.

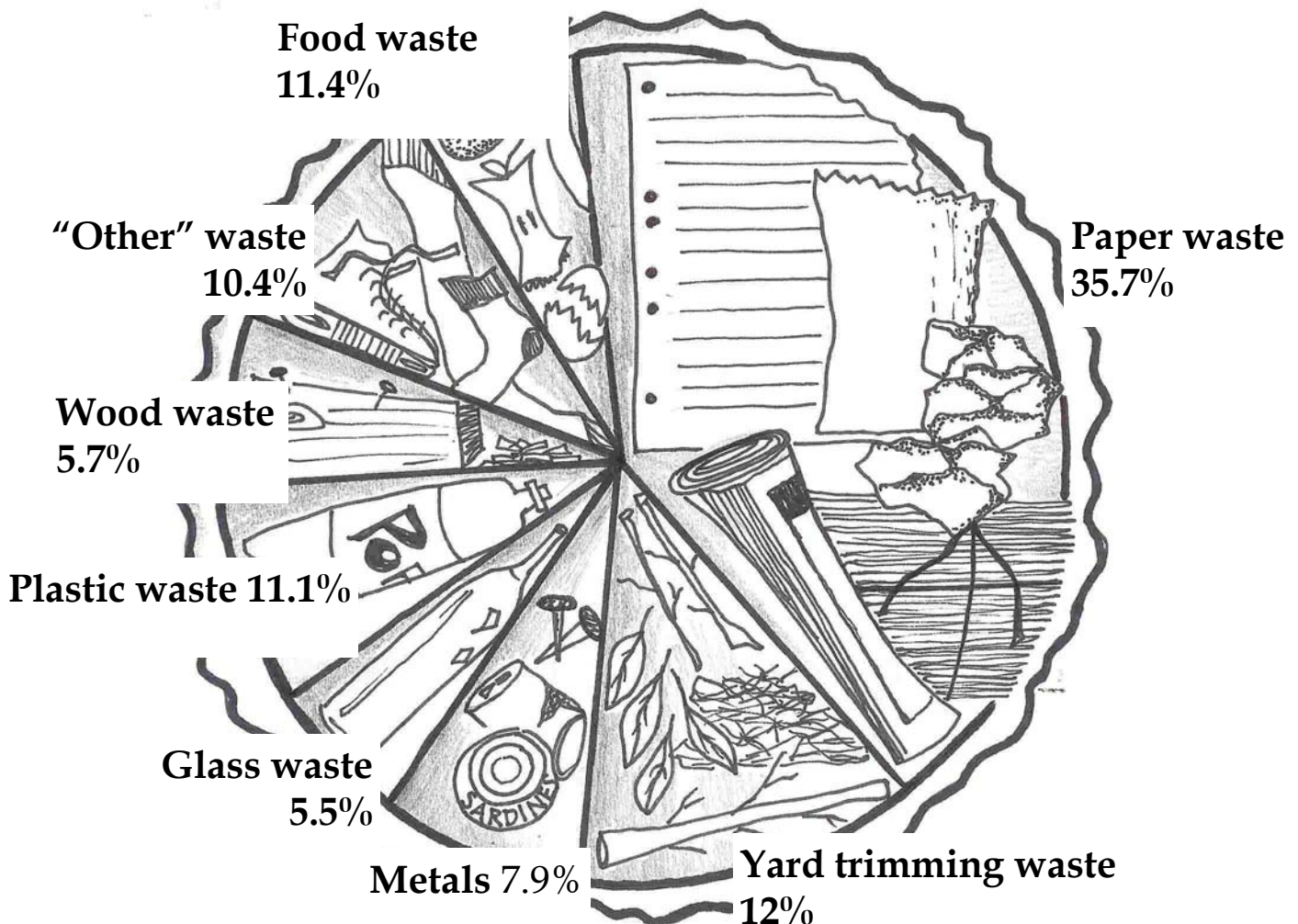
Throwing trash away isn't our only option.  
Fill in the blanks to discover other alternatives.

R \_\_\_ d \_\_\_ c \_\_\_ what you use and you have less to throw away!

R e \_\_\_ s \_\_\_ plastic grocery bags or the other side of notebook paper.

R \_\_\_ c \_\_\_ \_\_\_ l e paper, plastic bottles, and soda cans.

C \_\_\_ m p \_\_\_ \_\_\_ t things like leaves, fruit and vegetable peelings, to make good soil for your garden or yard.





# Recycling is aMAZEing!

What kinds of waste can you recycle from the Garbage Pizza?

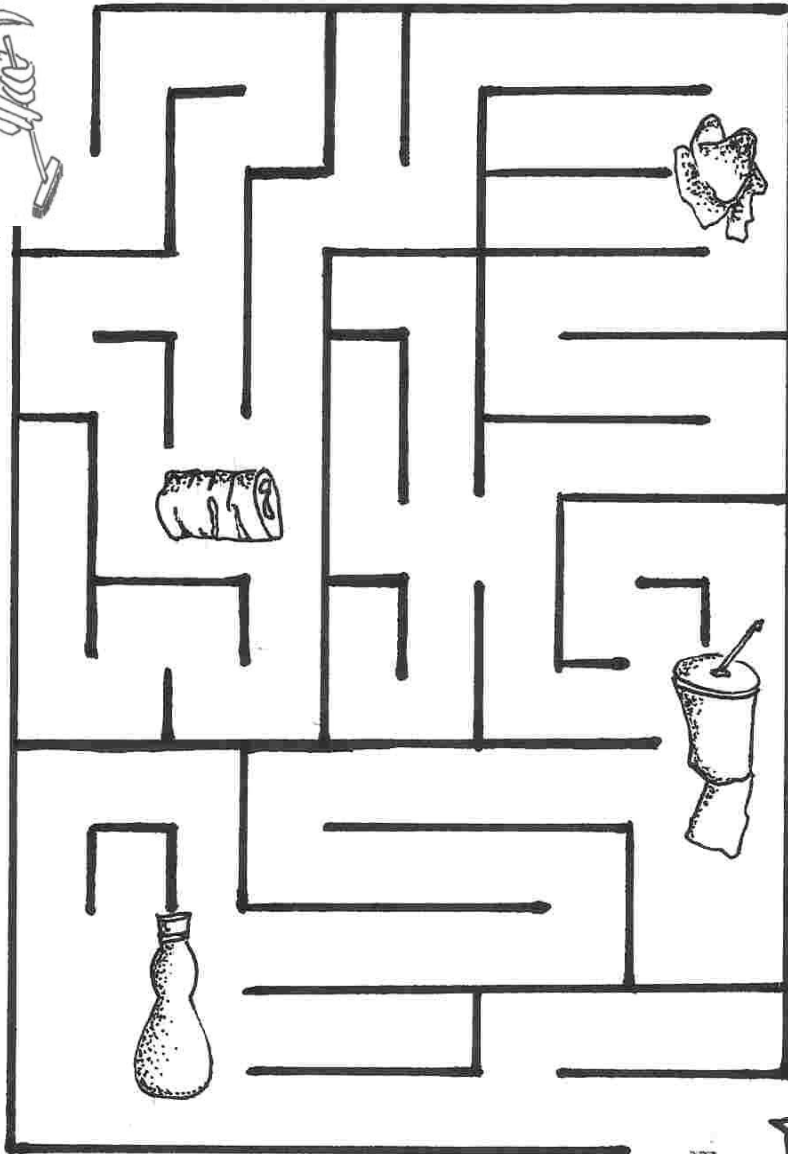
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Help Dusty clean up litter and find his way through the maze.  
Circle the items you can recycle.



Dusty



What can you recycle in  
your town?  
(check all that apply)

- ☐ Aluminum cans
- ☐ Tin cans
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Office paper
- ☐ Magazines & junk mail
- ☐ Cardboard
- ☐ Plastic water bottles



# Trash Math

A soda can here, a water bottle there, it all adds up!

Did you know that the average person throws away 5 pounds (lbs) of trash a day?

Figure out how many pounds you throw away in one week...  
one month...  
one year...

$$5\text{lbs} \quad \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \hspace{2cm} \text{lbs per week}$$

Number of days in a week

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ lbs a week} \quad \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \hspace{2cm} \text{lbs per month}$$

Number of days in a month

## Recycling Paper Gives Trees a Second Chance!



Did you know the average American uses 650 pounds of paper a year!

Recycling is good for the environment and easy to do.  
Just look at what products are made from recycled paper:

Match each paper product with its name



### Recycling Fun Facts:

- If you recycle your newspapers every day for two weeks you will save one tree!
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 6,953 gallons of water, 463 gallons of oil, and 4,077 kilowatts of energy!
- About 50% of the paper used in the United States is recycled.

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| A. Notebook paper | B. Newspaper | C. Egg Carton |
| D. Paperboard box | E. Magazine  | F. Envelope   |

# We are all connected!

Taking care of the environment is a global and local job.



Our planet:

\_\_\_\_\_

I live on the \_\_\_\_\_  
continent.

One thing I pledge to do to protect the  
earth's resources is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

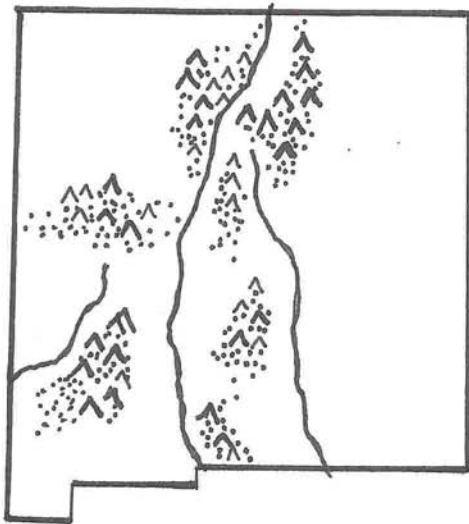
My state: \_\_\_\_\_

I live in this community:

\_\_\_\_\_

Our town has (circle all that apply):

mountains	rivers	cactus
forest	caves	volcanoes
scrubland	lakes	



My country:

\_\_\_\_\_

I live in the \_\_\_\_\_  
region.

# My Environmental Pledge

**I realize that I need to do my part to protect the environment. I will keep my town and New Mexico beautiful and I can be counted on to:**

- ☐ **Never litter**
- ☐ **Recycle whenever I can, which may include soda and water bottles, paper, or cardboard.**
- ☐ **Turn off the lights when I leave a room to save electricity.**
- ☐ **Turn off the faucet when brushing my teeth.**
- ☐ **Learn more about the environment and the desert where I live in New Mexico.**

**Your signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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