

Earth Day Follow Up Questions



1. Feel, smell, and look at a rotting log, grass clippings, leaves or food scraps.
 - a. What words would you use to describe these materials?
 - b. Do the words have positive and/or negative connotations? Why?
2. Explain what is happening to the rotting material.
3. What organisms assist in this decomposition process?
4. What will your rotting material finally become?
5. Imagine a world where decomposition doesn't take place. What would happen to organic materials like dead animals, leaves or sewage?
6. Could plants and animals survive if decomposition didn't occur?
7. List items you throw away that are biodegradable. How might you and your family recycle these materials?
8. What is composting?
 - a. Why do you think people compost household organic wastes?
 - b. What are some benefits of composting household food and yard wastes?
9. What are some possible problems with composting? What suggestions do you have for solving the problems?