

National Public Works Week

Teachers' Activity Kit
Grades 3-5

CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS




York Region

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About This Kit

Every year in May, The Regional Municipality of York celebrates National Public Works Week (NPWW) by sharing information and hosting events that showcase the importance of public works in our community. This year's theme, Stronger Together, celebrates working together to create great places to live.

Even though we cannot celebrate this year's event in-person, we wanted to engage children in learning about the services that keep communities running safely and smoothly. We have put together this package of activities for teachers that contains games and activities touching on different areas of public works. Some activities can be done as a group, while others are appropriate for students to complete on their own. The package is divided into activities suitable for Grades 3-5.

We hope you enjoy exploring different elements of public works with your students!



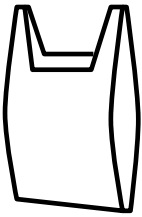
Waste Concentration Game

Instructions: Use this deck to test your memory with a game of concentration!

Print out the grid below and cut out all the waste icons to create a deck with two of each icon. Turn them over so you can't see the pictures, and shuffle the deck. Lay out the cards in 4 lines of 4.

To play, start by flipping over two cards. Do they match? If not, flip them back over and try again. If they do match, remove the cards from the deck and give yourself a point! See how quickly you can find all the pairs.

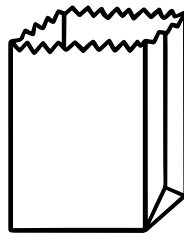
To play with a partner, take turns flipping over cards. Whoever gets the most pairs is the winner!



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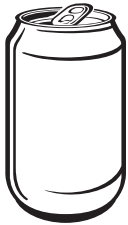
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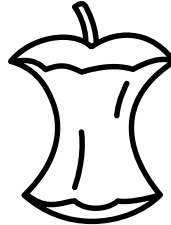
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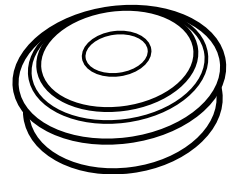
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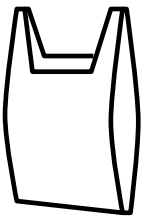
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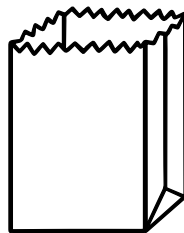
styrofoam container



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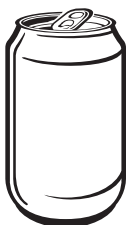
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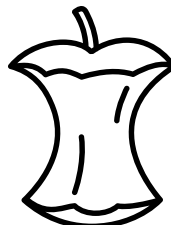
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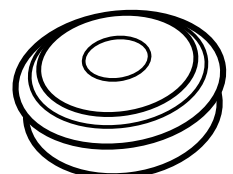
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Nature Hunt

Here's how it works: Use your senses (see, hear, touch, smell) to discover nature!

Collect or draw your discoveries in the boxes below.

Something fuzzy

A pinecone or acorn

An insect

Something rough

Two different types of leaves

Something that makes noise

Something green

Something that you think is beautiful

Water Word Search

Find all of the hidden words.

ANIMALS
BLUEBOX
COMPOSTER
CONSERVE
ENERGY
ENVIRONMENT

FOREST
GREENSPACE
HABITAT
HIKING
LIGHT
LITTER

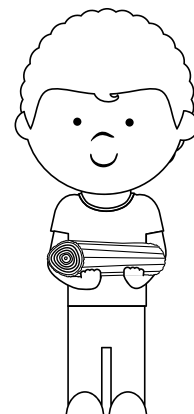
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PROTECT
RECYCLE
REDUCE
REUSE
SOLAR

TRAILS
TREES
WASTE
WATER
WIND
YORK REGION

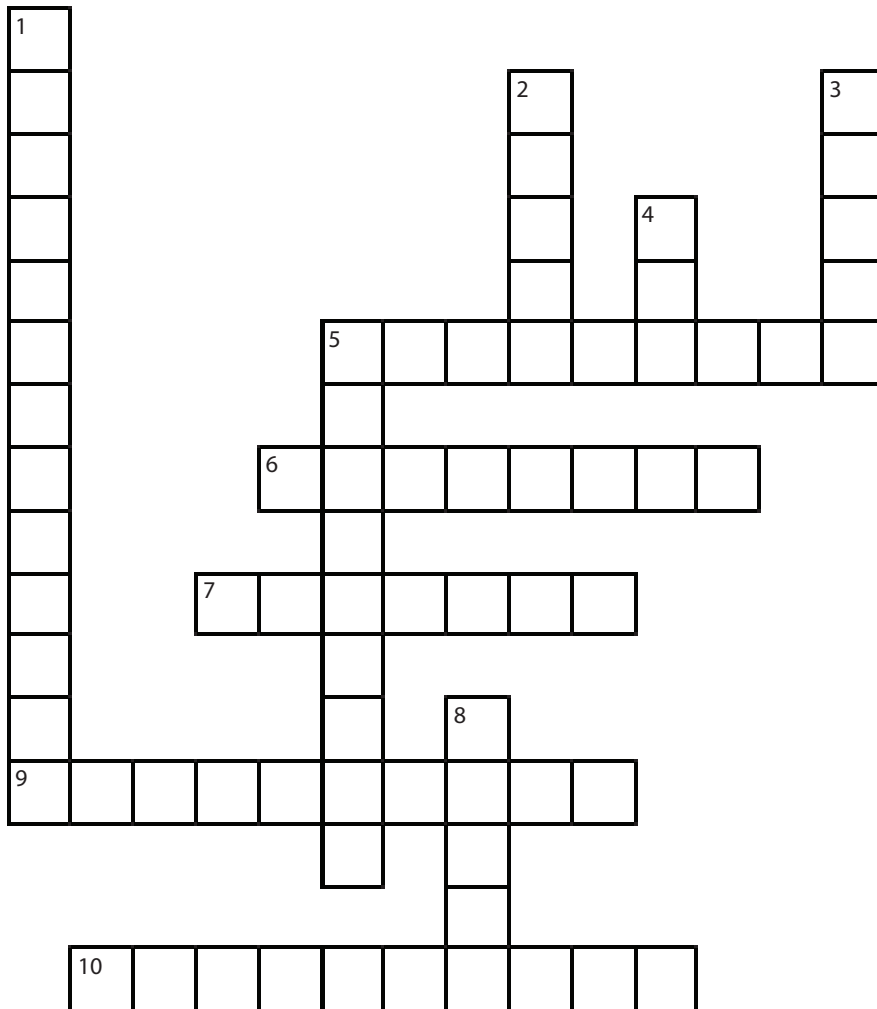
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Transportation Crossword



Help me solve
this crossword
puzzle.



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2. This is an orange cone marker that directs traffic away from road workers.
3. This is the colour on the signal light that means go.
4. The colour that means stop.
5. A lane marked on the street where people can cross safely.
8. The colour on a signal light that means yield (approach with caution).

ACROSS:

5. The part of the walk signal that tells you how much time you have to cross the road safely.
6. Holes formed in the pavement.
7. This is an area for passengers to get on and off the bus.
9. A posted sign that tells you how fast you can drive.
10. A person who travels on foot.

Answer Keys

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- no answers needed

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W R E J P L I G H T Y T Z G
 C N N F O R E S T R C K Y E E
 S A E H L E U J A E E S D C C
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 N I G B U Q O O S I V P W M D
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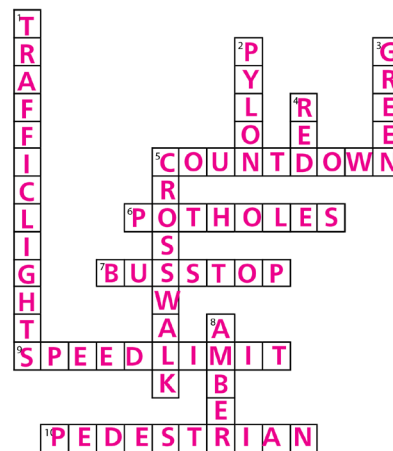


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