

# Litter

## Before you begin

When you leave an object like a food packet, soft drink can or a plastic bag on the ground and not in a bin, it can be considered as littering. Littering is when you put a piece of trash at a place where it does not belong.

### Why do people litter?

There are many reasons why people litter. Sometimes people are just careless whereas sometimes dirty spaces prompt them to throw more garbage. Sometimes they are just lazy or forgetful. Bins may not be available at many places which could also be a reason for people to litter.

### Where do people litter the most?

There are places where people litter more. These are places like markets, food stalls, parks, and public spaces.

### Littering is a human behavior

Many years ago, there were not many things that could be thrown away. Our grandparents and their parents used and reused whatever they could. There was not much waste that was thrown away. As the world made new products, the earth could no longer manage to break down the material. With new products came materials like plastic and thermocol which cannot be consumed by nature. And so they remain at the same place for a long time. This is littering.

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## Ways in which people litter

There are many ways in which people litter. They do it knowingly as well as unknowingly. It could be waste that is spilt on the ground or near the waste bin or under a bench in a park or buried in sand on the beach. People could throw an empty packet of chips they just finished eating on the street instead of putting it in a bin. Littering happens when people do not throw the waste in the bin appropriately.

