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# Y7 Graphics: Paper

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## Some facts about paper:

Paper and card are the materials that we all throw away the most, making up over a third of the rubbish we produce. It is easy to make new paper and card by recycling the old paper and card. As a nation, we use paper every day and 12.5 million tonnes is used each year.

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## Its also a fact that ...

- It takes 7 days for a recycled newspaper to come back as a newspaper again.
  - 67% of the paper and cardboard used in the UK is recycled
  - 11 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent emissions were avoided by recycling paper and cardboard in 2008, the equivalent of taking around 3½ million cars off the road.
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## Recycled paper is used to make:

- All of the newspaper made in the UK is now made from 100% recycled paper
  - Much of our toilet paper is made from recycled paper
  - Corrugated cardboard packaging consists nearly of 100% recycled material
  - If paper is made using recycled materials then it will produce 73% less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials.
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## Did you know...?

- It is estimated that for every tonne of paper recycled saves enough energy to power a house in the UK for a whole year!
  - Paper produced from raw material uses far more energy and water than if we recycle our unwanted paper
  - By recycling your daily newspaper you will have saved more than your own body weight in paper within a year!
  - For every tonne of paper used for recycling 17 trees are spared.
  - The average family uses 6 trees worth of paper each year.
  - A forest the size of Wales is needed to supply the paper used in the UK every year!
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