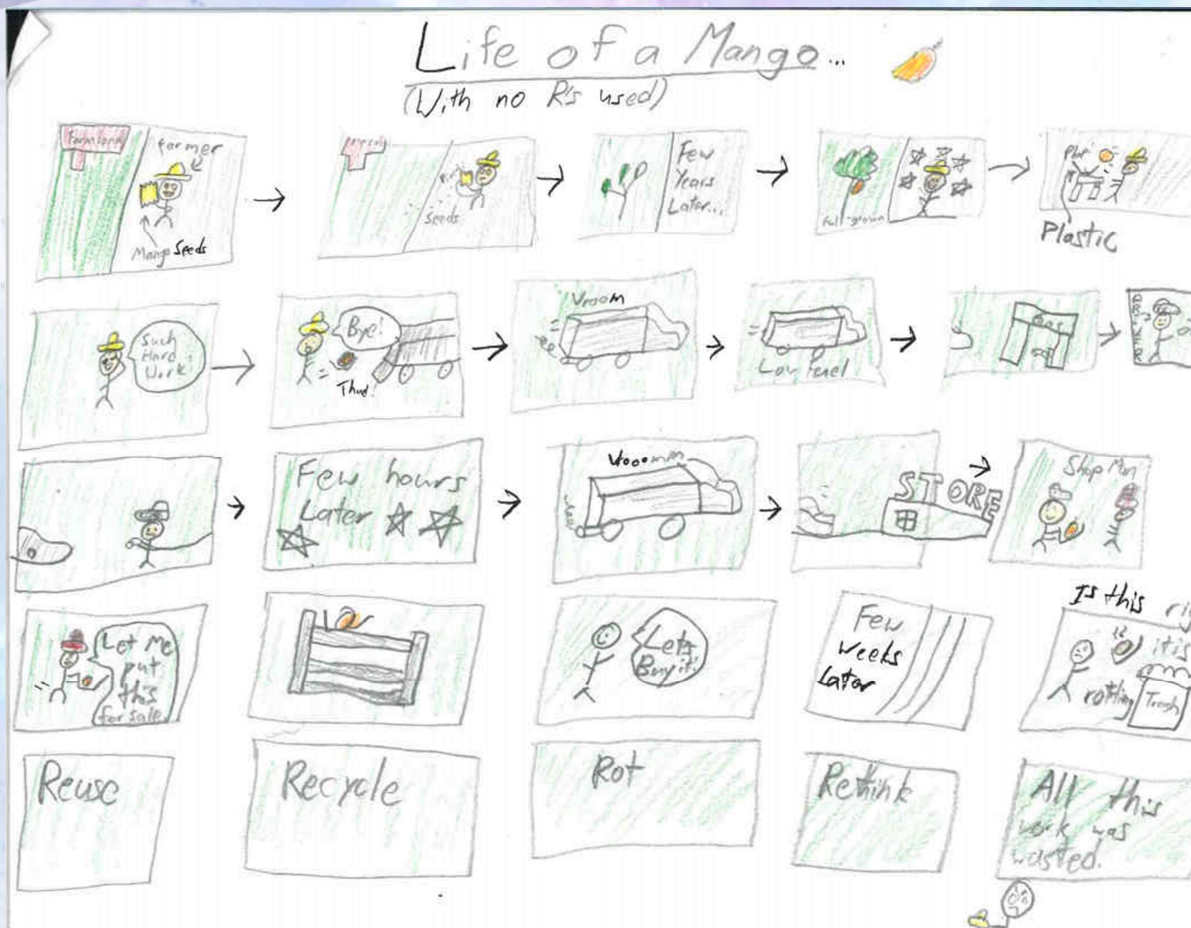


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My 4Rs: Recycle, Reuse, Rot, Rethink



My (Re)Generation Action Story:

My 4Rs are Recycle, Reuse, Rot, and Rethink. I believe that we should recycle. When the family wanted to throw the plastic box away, they threw it in the landfill/trash bin. Is that right? No, it isn't. They and we should recycle. We could recycle not only plastic but cardboard, paper, glass (maybe, probably not), aluminum cans, and clean wrappers. There are plenty more!

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Jayadeep's Story Continued:

My second R is Reuse. If the family didn't have a recycling bin, they could have reused it. My third R is Rot. It means to compost. When the family saw the Mango was smelly, they threw it in the landfill/trash bin just like the plastic. Is that right? No it isn't. They should compost/rot it in soil or the yard waste bin. You should be composting too! You can compost leftovers, food scraps, peels, unwanted food, bones and the crust of a pizza. There are more! My last R is Rethink. We have to rethink our lives and try to make it better by recycling, reusing and composting.

We have to do the Rs. We should recycle instead of throwing away. We should compost in the yard instead of in the landfill, for it creates methane. And we should reuse; not throw away. We should throw it away in the landfill only if needed. They might be wax covered plastic, dirty wrappers or oily plastic.

WE should reuse plastic to make less go to the landfill, we should compost eaten food and do other things to help save the world and make it a better place. I took action by asking my mom to get a compost bin. Now I compost! Another way I take action is that I make sure that my friends sort trash correctly. You can do similar things too; to action!