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## Trash Or Treasure Sort Answer Key

1. Compost
2. Trash
3. Recycling
4. Recycling
5. Trash
6. Compost
7. Recycling
8. Trash (if greasy)
9. Recycling
10. Compost

### Teacher's Guide

- Begin with a short discussion on the **three main waste bins**: trash, recycling, and compost.
- Show real or picture examples of each item to boost engagement.
- Have students hold up "Trash," "Recycle," or "Compost" cards for a kinesthetic learning twist.

### Differentiation Strategies:

- **Grades 1-2:** Provide visuals or word banks for each category.
- **Grades 3-5:** Add more complex items (e.g., batteries, cardboard with tape).
- **Grades 6-8:** Ask students to explain *why* each item fits its category.
- **Grades 9-12:** Extend to research or debate on local recycling policies.

**Extension Idea:** Host a "Classroom Clean-Up Challenge" where students sort real recyclables.