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Cafeteria Solutions

Directions: Read the passage below carefully. Identify the problem and the lesson it teaches. Draft a short **action plan** (4-6 steps) that could be followed in real life. Your plan should be clear, realistic, and based on information from the passage.

At Riverside Middle School, students noticed that many classmates were throwing away half of their lunches. Not only did this waste food, but it also filled the cafeteria trash bins quickly, attracting pests. The student council decided to investigate. They learned that some students threw food away because portions were too big, while others simply didn't like certain items. The council suggested smaller portion options, a "share table" where unopened food could be placed for others, and reminders about the importance of not wasting food. Teachers supported the idea and encouraged students to think about how their choices affected the school environment. Many believed that a clear plan would help reduce waste and teach responsibility.

Task: Draft an Action Plan

Create a short **Food Waste Reduction Action Plan** for the school cafeteria.

- Write **4-6 numbered steps**.
- Make sure your plan is based on the ideas from the passage.
- Include at least **one step for prevention** and **one step for responsibility/education**.