1. Match the definitions. Then listen and check.

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| Recycling | This means that we can make old things into better ones. |
| Upcycling | This means that we use the material again. |
| Downcycling | This means that we can make things into something of lower quality. |

1. Listen to the recording and answer the questions.

When do we celebrate Earth Day? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What can we recycle? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What can we upcycle? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What can we downcycle? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Fill in the adjectives into the gaps: *lowest, hard, full, high, later, old (2x), lower (2x)*

Then listen to the part about downcycling and check.

Sometimes, we want to use something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again, but it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to upcycle. We can still downcycle it. This means you make it into something of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quality. Imagine that you have a T-shirt, it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of holes. You can cut it into pieces and use it for cleaning. Or, you can make old bread into breadcrumbs. Another example of downcycling is when \_\_\_\_\_\_ quality paper becomes a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quality cardboard and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it becomes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ quality toilet paper.

4. Write comparatives and superlatives.

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| low | lower | the lowest |
| hard |  |  |
| high |  |  |
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SOLUTIONS

1. Match the meaning with the terms. Then listen and check.

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Downcycling This means that we can make things into something of lower quality.

1. Listen to the recording and answer the questions.

When do we celebrate Earth Day? On 22 April

What can we recycle? Paper, metals, glass, plastic, etc.

What can we upcycle? An old chair, a small T-shirt, socks, cups, etc.

What can we downcycle? A T-shirt full of holes, old bread, etc.

3. Fill in the adjectives into the gaps: *lowest, hard, full, high, later, old (2x), lower (2x)*

Then listen to the part about downcycling and check.

Sometimes, we want to use something old again, but it’s hard to upcycle. We can still downcycle it. This means you make it into something of lower quality. Imagine that you have a T-shirt, it’s old and full of holes. You can cut it into pieces and use it for cleaning. Or, you can make old bread into breadcrumbs. Another example of downcycling is when high quality paper becomes a lower quality cardboard and later it becomes the lowest quality toilet paper.

4. Write comparatives and superlatives of the following adjectives:

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| low | lower | the lowest |
| hard | harder | the hardest |
| high | higher | the highest |
| late | later | the latest |