

## Lesson 4: Solid Waste Takes Over – Solid Waste Quiz ANSWERS

1. What type of item makes up the majority of the garbage that we throw into our landfills?  
(Circle the correct answer)
  - a. food
  - b. plastic
  - c. paper**
  - d. metal
2. The kind of dangerous gas that is formed when things rot in landfills is called \_\_\_\_\_ . (Circle the correct answer)
  - a. oxygen
  - b. carbon dioxide
  - c. nitrogen
  - d. methane**
3. List 2 ways that solid waste is harmful to our environment.
  - a. Toxins can enter our water supply**
  - b. The decomposing trash creates dangerous gases**

Ask the following question after you read the poem, “We Are the Plooters” (from *It's Raining Pigs and Noodles*, by Jack Prelutsky, New York: Greenwillow, 2000).

4. After your teacher reads the poem “We Are the Plooters,” by Jack Prelutsky, suggest one way that the “Plooters” could reduce how much garbage they “dump into the seas.”

**An acceptable answer is: Trash can be incinerated.**

**Other answers may apply.**