

16. Save paper, save tree and save environment



Background

Paper is prepared from wood. Every year large numbers of trees are cut in order to produce paper. As the cutting of trees leads to various environmental hazards, so we should try to reduce its wastage. For that paper must be used judiciously. It can be reused and recycled in various ways – handmade paper, art objects from paper pulp, paper bags.

Methodology

1. Count the number of copies and notebooks in your bag.
2. Note whether you are using the full page, half page, both sides or only single side of your copy/notebook/writing sheets. Count the number of pages unused or partly used.

Objectives

- (i) To learn about the importance of conserving paper.
- (ii) To develop awareness on wastage of paper and its implication.



3. What do you do with the empty pages left in your notebook after the session is over? Do you use them for rough work?
4. What do you do with your used notebooks/copies, textbooks, magazines, newspaper? Do you burn them, throw them, give it to the *kabadiwallah* or use it for some other purpose?
5. Find out from the *kabadiwallah* what he does with the paper that he takes from you. Is it being recycled or reused?

Conclusion

Prepare a report of your findings suggesting the reuse of unused portions of paper for rough work.

Follow-up

Suggest measures to show how the consumption of paper can be reduced. With the guidance of your teacher or craftsperson try to make items from waste paper or hand made paper.

