

# LEARNING ACTIVITIES: ©GayeAdegbalola

## SONG #13 ~~ THE RECYCLE SONG

### FLAVOR: NEW ORLEANS BLUES

- In this song, three items are recycled -- household containers, outgrown clothing, a toy. See if you can find one of each. Put the containers in the proper bin. Take the clothing and toy to a store like Goodwill or the Salvation Army. While there, go in and purchase something that has been recycled.

- Think about a "bicycle" and a "tricycle." "Bi" means two and "tri" means three, so what does "cycle" mean? You could say that it means "wheel," but a better way to define "cycle" is to say that it means "to go around." So, if "re" usually means "again," then what does "recycle" mean? By breaking words into parts, you have a process to use when you try to figure out what words mean.

- This blues style comes from NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans is a wonderful seaport city in Louisiana. It is on the Mississippi River. Find New Orleans on a map. It is famous for its music (the "birthplace" of jazz) and its food (poor boys and beignets) and especially for its annual Mardi Gras festival.

~ For jazz, born in New Orleans, Louis Armstrong, was one of the greatest. Here he plays "When the Saint's Go Marching In" in traditional New Orleans jazz song. The group has a trombone and a clarinet which are both typical for New Orleans jazz. The woman singer also starts scatting.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyLjbMBpGDA>

~ New Orleans is known for its food.

- Many of the dishes have creole and cajun spices. What are they?
- Many of the dishes have strange sounding names. What is the main ingredient in each of these:
  - étouffée
  - jambalaya
  - beignets
  - po' boys
  - crawfish
  - andouille
  - gumbo

This site has many of these dishes to give you ideas:

<https://www.myrecipes.com/quick-and-easy/quick-easy-new-orleans-dishes?slide=73281#73281>

~ Mardi Gras is a French term meaning "Fat Tuesday." It is the last day before Lent. Lent comes 40 days before Easter and during these 40 days, you often try to give up some bad habit. So before Lent starts, Mardi Gras is the last opportunity for eating and merrymaking. There is a carnival festival with parades and floats and wild costumes. Many people wear masks. You can make your own mask. Here're a couple of quick and easy ones: <http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/family/paper-masks2.htm>

~ It's fun to make new items out of old, worn-out items or items to be discarded. There are many craft projects on the internet.

One such project is how to make a bag and a pillow cover from an old T-shirt with no sewing. Be careful with scissors! Those two projects are shown first: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRqtypBVWik>

### **SPECIAL LINK: PROFESSOR LONGHAIR PLAYS "BIG CHIEF"**

A Mardi Gras song. Listen and you'll hear the same piano part that the piano plays in "The Recycle Song."  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhYyFnFPhBg&feature=related>

### **SPECIAL VOCABULARY WORD: ECOLOGY**

"Ecology" is the branch of science that deals with the study and interactions between different forms of life and their environment. The environment includes the air, water, minerals, living things and all other factors that might affect a specific form of life at any time.