

# Waikato

# ENVIROSCHOOLS



## What If ?

**REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE** are known as the 3 'r's of Zero Waste. The most important of these is 'REDUCE' because it involves the least use of energy and materials. This activity invites you to use your imagination to come up with creative ideas on how to refuse to make refuse!

### What to Do:

1. Choose a 'What if...?' question (below). Write it in a bubble in the middle of a blank page and brainstorm your answers around it (You will get heaps more ideas if you are able to do this with other members of your whanau) ... You could also create your own question !
2. Choose your most creative idea(s). Make a poster, skit, film clip or waiata to communicate the idea. Share with your whanau, your teacher and. If you're able, on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/waikatoenviroschools/>

### What If ?

**You gave only presents that would leave no trace ?**

- What could you give that would last a lifetime ?
- What could you give that would disappear over time, back to Papatuanuku ?
- What gifts could you give that are not things ?

### What If ?

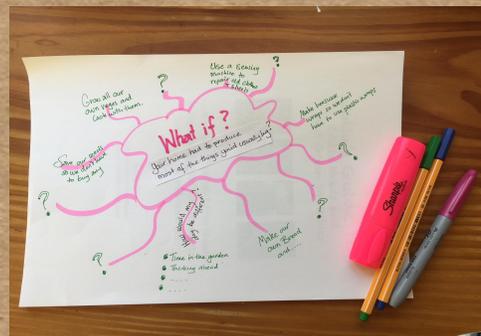
**You went plastic free for a day, a week, a month ?**

- What plastic items would be easy to go without ?
- Which would be hard to go without ?
- What alternative can you invent to a common plastic item you currently use ?

### What if ?

**Your home had to produce most of the things you'd normally buy ?**

- What would you produce ?
- What would you decide you didn't need ?
- How would your home look different ?
- How would your day be different ?



## Reflection:

*(If you are doing the ongoing 'Zero Waste at My Place' inquiry, record this on your Compost Heap of Knowledge)*

- What ideas for reducing waste did you find the most intriguing or interesting ?
- Which ones might make the most difference ?
- How would these benefit our environment ?
- What action could you put in place during this time of lockdown ?

