

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW | COMPOSTING GONE WRONG!



Overview:

After learning all about composting, read this short story in your classroom. Then, ask your students the follow up questions.

Activity Duration: 15 minutes

STORY | *Read-Aloud*

Danielle decided she was going to start her own compost bin. She started with lots of soil and added in earthworms, beetles, and snow bugs. Before she knew it, her compost bin was ready to use. Danielle was excited to start reducing her waste by recycling all of her food scraps in her compost bin. She put things like banana peels, expired cheese, apple cores, and **CHICKEN** into her compost. She soon learned that she could compost other things besides her food scraps as well! She began composting grass clippings and leaves that she raked from the yard.

All of a sudden Danielle's compost got very very smelly. It was attracting bugs that shouldn't be in it. Danielle didn't know what she did wrong but she knew she had to fix it.



PROMPT

Can anyone guess what Danielle did wrong? *Hint: there was one thing that shouldn't go in the compost that she put in.*

Let's count out all the things Danielle put in the compost!

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| 1. soil | 6. cheese |
| 2. worms | 7. apple core |
| 3. beetles | 8. chicken |
| 4. sowbogs | 9. grass |
| 5. banana peels | 10. leaves |

How can Danielle do better next time?