Inspect Your Items (K-1)

**Intro:** Environmental logos or environmental labeling can be very misleading, especially when it comes to environmental claims. It is important to have a basic understanding of which symbols to look for, what they mean and where they can expect to be found. The key is knowing what to look for.

**Materials:**
- copy of Mobius Loop symbol
- copy student worksheet page

**Activity:** Students will be presented with a Mobius Loop symbol. What does this symbol mean? Have you ever seen it? Where? Where would I look to find it? As detectives, instruct the students to go in search of this symbol to see if they can find it on anything? Have them search around the classroom and look. Ask students to return with items or have them leave them where they found them but ensure they remember where they saw the symbol. What did you find? What kind of material did you find it on? Using the worksheet provided, have students draw at least four items under the Mobius Loop symbol.

**Conclusion/Discussion:** Return to the discussion of what this symbol means. If students do not know, have them guess.

What’s the difference?

![Recycling symbol]

This mobius loop means the product is recyclable where facilities exist. If a number appears in the centre, it corresponds to the type of plastic used to make the item.

This mobius loop indicates that the item was made from recycled material. A percentage in the symbol it indicates how much of the product was made from recycled content.

**Extension Activities:**
- Make your own paper. Include the phrase “this is made from recycled paper”.
- Have the students look at home for empty containers or packaging that show the Mobius Loop symbol. Have the students bring them to class. Graph them.

**Useful Links:**
- Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC)
- Recycling Symbols Fact Sheet
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Find and draw 4 items that have this symbol:

The Mobius Loop