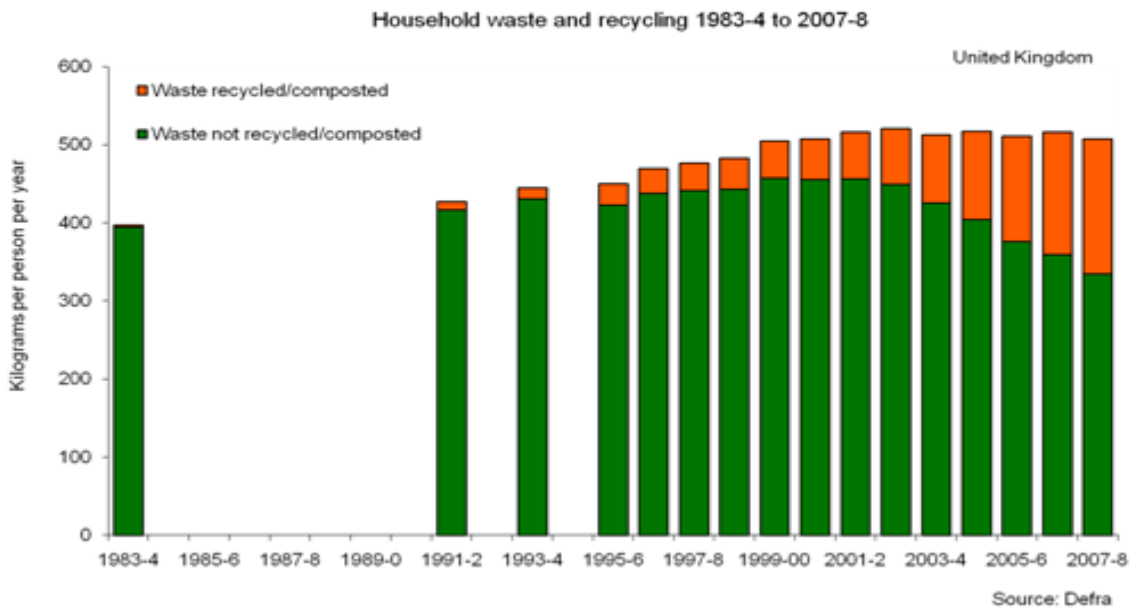


# Waste Not Want Not

In Phase 6 of *CensusAtSchool* we are asking questions on what items students' households recycle and whether they feel they are doing enough to improve the environment. The graph and table of data below, show how much waste each person in the UK produces on average over a number of years.

## Household waste and recycling: 1983-4 to 2007-8

### United Kingdom



Kilograms per person per year	Waste not recycled	Waste recycled/composted	Total waste
1983/4	394	3	397
1991/2	417	11	428
1995/6	423	27	450
2000/1	455	52	507
2001/2	456	60	516
2002/3	449	71	521
2003/4	425	87	512
2004/5	404	113	517
2005/6	376	135	511
2006/7	259	157	516
2007/8	334	173	507

*This is a UK Government sustainable development strategy indicator*

### TASK

Write a paragraph describing the statistics contained in the graph and table. Explain what the graph is telling you and comment on the trends shown.

Compare your answer to the text given in the actual booklet (given overleaf).

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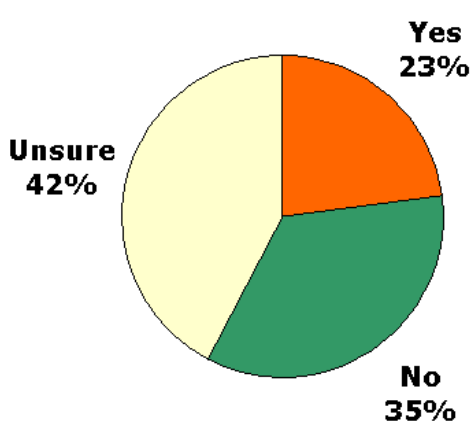
Household waste includes household bin waste and also waste from civic amenity sites, other household collections and recycling sites. Between 2000-1 and 2007-8 household waste per person decreased fractionally by just 0.1 per cent, with each person generating about half a tonne on average.

The amount of waste recycled or composted has increased, and accounted for 34.5 per cent of household waste in 2007-8. There has been a year on year decrease in the amount of non-recycled waste per person over the last six years. It is now at the lowest level since estimates were first made in 1983-4, most of this goes to landfill.

### TASK

### Do you think that YOU personally do enough to improve the environment?

The pie chart shows the responses from 4000 secondary school students.



1. Why do you think so many students are unsure?
2. What things could you personally do?
3. Who do you think should be responsible for the environment we live in?

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