

The AMAZING JOURNEY of your recyclables



Plastic



Aluminium



Paper



Steel



Glass

What happens
to me after
I leave your
recycling bin?

Glass



Did you know that glass is made mostly from sand that has been heated to a very high temperature until it melts?

Some glass can be recycled to make glass containers again and again.

If you put me in the recycling bin, I will be taken by the recycling truck to a **Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** where I begin my recycling journey.



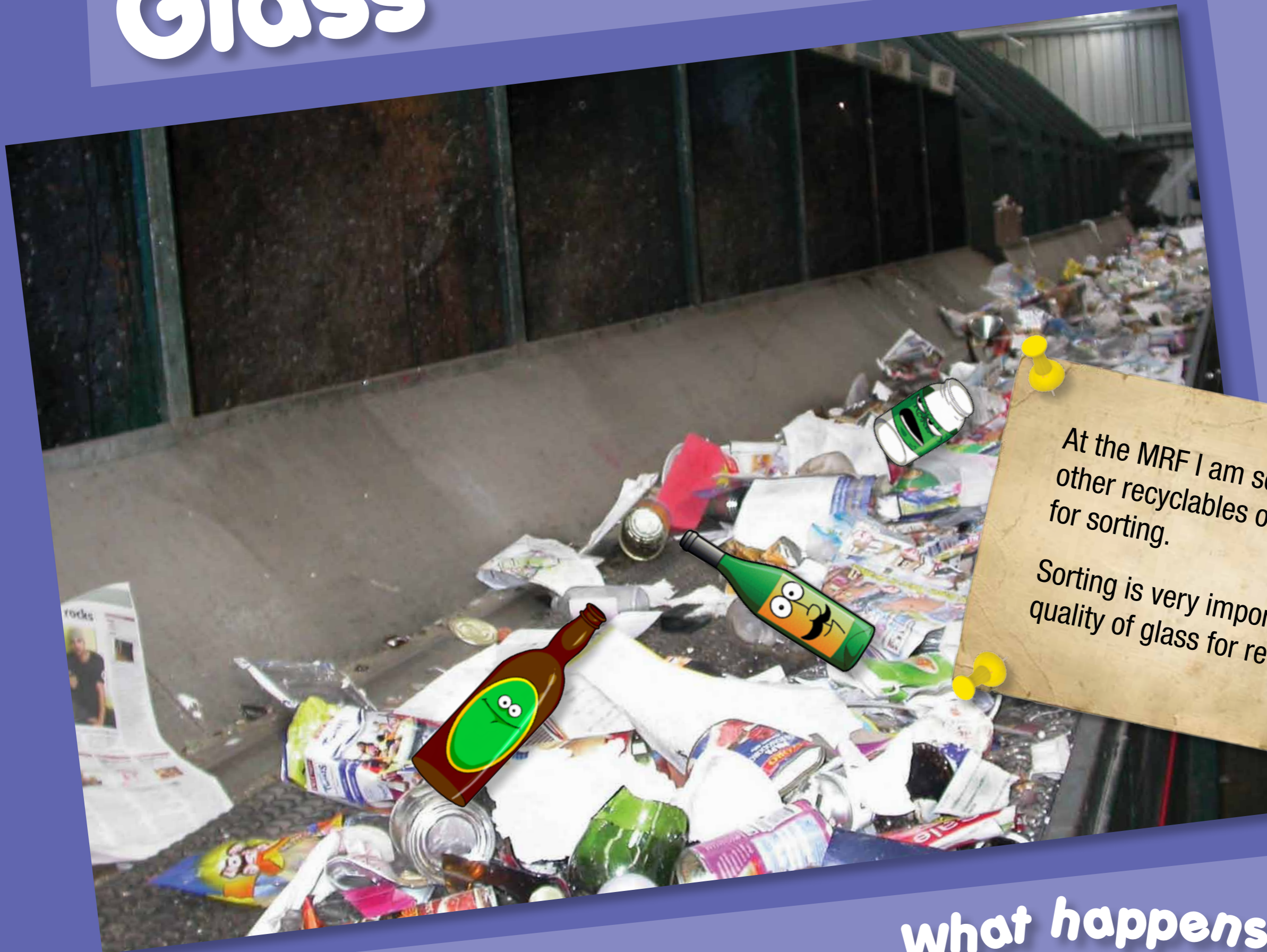
I love the bumpy slide from the truck when we arrive. All the paper and cardboard makes a great cushion!



Let's find out what happens to us at the MRF

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Glass



At the MRF I am scooped up with other recyclables onto conveyor belts for sorting.

Sorting is very important for the quality of glass for recycling.

What happens next?

Glass



Glass bottles and jars can be recycled.
Some glass is separated into different colours. You can see clear, brown and green glass here.

Glass from mirrors, windows, drinking glasses, pyrex and light globes **can't** be recycled.



Where will I end up?

Glass

Now I'm called
cullet!

Recycling glass into new
products saves more than
half the energy needed
to make 'new' glass from
sand and other materials!

After being sorted, the glass is
crushed as part of the recycling
process and is called '**cullet**'.

The sorted glass is transported to glass
manufacturers to make new products.



These are some of the items we are recycled into!
Purchasing recycled items completes the recycling loop.



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