



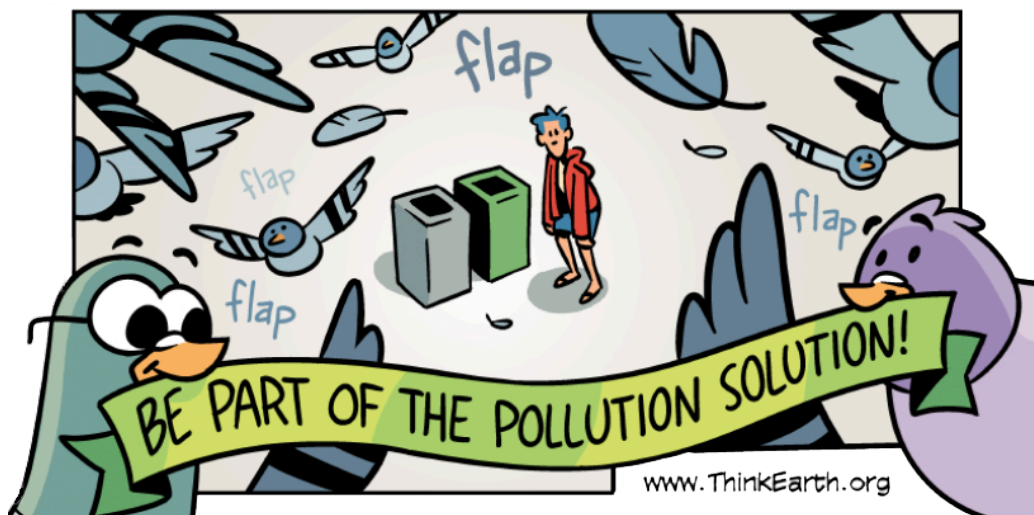
## Weigh Advantages and Disadvantages

Ask your child to think of two actions they could take to help the environment and fill in the charts. Here is a completed example:

Question: Should I use disposable plates, glasses, and cups made from paper and plastic on a picnic instead of using washable ones?

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• easier to carry</li><li>• no cleanup</li><li>• less to bring home</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• must buy disposables</li></ul>
The Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• less water used to wash dishes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• more trash</li><li>• more natural resources used</li><li>• chance of litter</li></ul>

Explain to your child that weighing the advantages and disadvantages to themselves and to the environment will help them make smart choices. Help your child see that the decision of what to do sometimes depends on whether people are more concerned about now or about the future. Point out that sometimes the decisions aren't easy!





# Thinking Earth: Advantages & Disadvantages

**Directions:** Write a question about a behavior that could affect the environment. List the advantages and disadvantages both to you and to the environment.

**Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Me		
The Environment		

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