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The Earth is over 4.6 billion years old. However, in the most recent years, people are causing a great deal of damage to the Earth. Many people recycle as a way to reduce their impact on the environment. Recycling reduces the energy we use, improves the air and water quality, fights climate change and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

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Many communities require their residents to recycle materials using large blue bins. The recyclables are picked up just like the garbage. In Rome, Italy, if you do not separate your garbage and recyclables, you could be fined $800. Switzerland has one of the highest recycling rates in the world.

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A. Italy

B. United States

C. Switzerland



The average American creates over four and half pounds of trash per day! Recycling helps to reduce the garbage in landfills that can take hundreds of years to break down. The United States makes up just 5% of the world's population but produces over 30% of the world's waste. Roughly 75% of the trash in the United States could be recycled, but only 30% is actually recycled.

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