

**Worksheet C6.3.3**

Let us write the story of a product that ended without use and consequently produced more unnecessary waste.

**For our interest:**

*When it comes to creating stories such as these, we have to use our imagination a lot. Although the stories are not real, they always need to provide the reader with a lesson. The following are just ideas for those who do not know where to start from!*

1. Imagine you are a toy car that works with batteries which was bought as a gift for a small boy for his birthday. At first, the boy was really happy with you; a set of batteries were being used in just one morning. The parents decided to buy rechargeable batteries. Although these cost more, rechargeable batteries can be used more times because they can be recharged again. The boy did not have enough patience to wait for the batteries to recharge so he ended-up buying normal batteries again. After a week, the boy got fed up with you and threw you away since you were not working properly anymore.

**Lesson:** Think about how much waste (even toxic waste) was created and how much energy was wasted with a toy like this!

2. The story of a plastic bottle: A girl bought a water bottle to take with her in the countryside. She did not care much for the environment and threw the bottle on the ground when she drank all the water. The bottle was dragged by the rain into a valley and it is still there today, stuck between two stones, and making the Maltese environment ugly.

**Lesson:** We should never throw away things on the ground. When we in the countryside, we should not leave any litter behind. Had the bottle been thrown away in a bring-in-site, this would have been recycled and it would not have made the environment ugly.

