

Materials in everyday Irish life

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What you need: research cards (glass, wool, peat-free compost, bioplastics) · clean glass jar or bottle (sample) · scrap of wool or wool garment · peat-free compost sample in a sealed bag · plant-based or compostable fork or bag (bioplastic sample) · highlighters and three-box sticky notes (source / use / end of life) · Investigation Journal Comparison Table page

Words to use

Source · End of life · Sustainable swap · Trade-off

One quick property from the tray

Sample	What it felt like (heaviest / bends / softest)

From the research cards – short phrases you could say aloud

Material	Source	Main use	End of life	Watch-out
Glass				
Wool				
Peat-free compost				
Bioplastics				

Our recommended swap, and who or what it is for

Two reasons from the evidence

One trade-off we accept