

# The Messy Magpie

Part 2



He turned to the stream, which no longer looked blue  
But instead, had a horrible muddy-like hue.

The water was flowing more slowly that day  
As the big piles of rubbish were blocking its way.



"Oh no!" Morris cried, as he gasped with alarm,  
"I never intended to cause all this harm.

The forest is damaged; the humans weren't kind.  
All these gifts were just rubbish that got left behind."





He vowed to himself he would put it all right  
So he leapt off his branch and then quickly took flight.



He soared high and low looking out for a clue  
That would show him the safest and best thing to do.





He noticed a truck driving past on the road,  
Which was filled with a very familiar load.

Morris arrived at a bustling place,  
Which had giant containers and masses of space.



He followed the truck to see where it would go,  
Feeling hopeful he'd find what he needed to know.

Each bin had a sign marking what it was for  
And the rubbish piled up, with each car adding more.

"But where does it go?" whispered Morris, confused.  
To his shock, a voice said, "It gets crushed and reused."

"That's it!" Morris said and he knew what to do.  
"If I bring it all here, they can make something new."



A seagull appeared and then said with a sigh,  
"It's amazing what humans can do when they try."

I might need some help but I must make amends."  
So he called on a couple of very good friends.



They fetched and they carried for most of the night  
And they worked as a team till they'd put it all right.



When the rubbish was gone, Morris looked all around,  
At the stream and the flowers, the trees and the ground.

He desperately hoped that he'd made enough room  
For the beauty of nature to once again bloom.



He planted...



and watered...



and nurtured away...



Till the forest was thriving and growing each day.



Then Morris knew nothing would make his heart sing  
Like the colourful beauty that nature could bring.



He no longer needed the shiniest nest  
And he realised that having a green home was best.

## Messy Magpie- Part 2 questions

1. How did the other animals show the value of compassion?
2. Why do you think Morris magpie felt guilty?
3. What was the reason for compacting the recycling into squares?
4. Do you think Morris will be collecting shiny objects in the future? Why?
5. How could you help in your local environment?