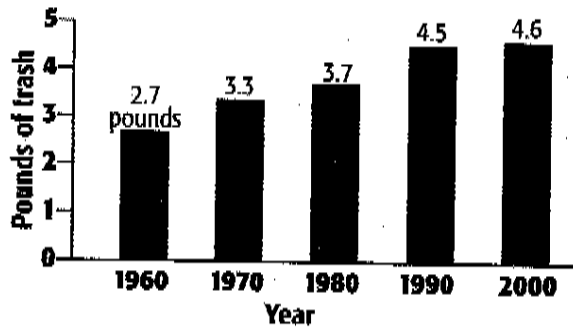


Trash Facts

Americans produce millions of tons of trash every year. Read the charts and answer the questions below to learn more about trash in the United States.

How much trash do you produce each day? This bar graph shows how much trash the average American produced daily during five different years.

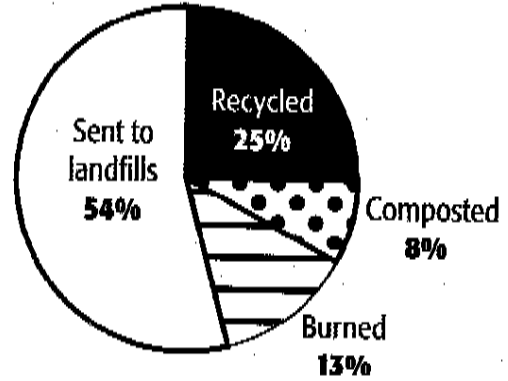
Daily Amount of Trash per Person



1. In 1970, how many pounds of trash did the average American produce in a day? _____
2. True or false: The amount of trash that Americans produce has increased over time. _____
3. What year should appear next on this bar graph? _____
Why is that year not included? _____

What happens to trash? Look at the pie chart to find out.

What Happens to Trash



4. What happens to more than half of America's trash? _____
5. What percentage of America's trash is recycled? _____
6. What percentage of America's trash is **not** sent to landfills? _____

This chart shows how many tons of trash were recycled during five different years.

Year	Trash Recycled (in millions of tons)
2000	69
2002	71
2004	83
2006	84
2008	83

7. In which year was the most trash recycled? _____
8. In which two years was the same amount of trash recycled? _____
9. How many more millions of tons of trash were recycled in 2006 than in 2000? _____

SOURCE (ALL CHARTS): ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BONUS: What is one way to reduce the amount of trash that you create?