

# **GREEN TEAM HANDBOOK**

**TIPS FOR  
SUCCESS**

**WASTE SORTING  
STATION RULES**

**POSITIVE  
WORDS &  
PHRASES**

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***INTRODUCE SALINAS  
VALLEY RECYCLES STAFF*** 

***INTRODUCE WASTE  
HAULER STAFF*** 



# WASTE SORTING



# WASTE SORTING STATION



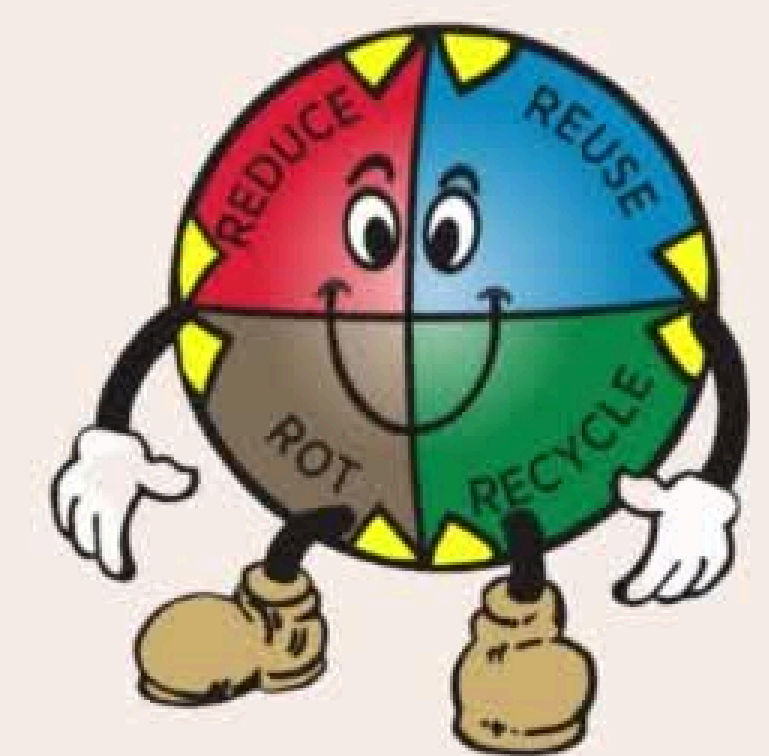


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*GREEN TEAM*  
*SAFETY*





*WHAT IS  
CONTAMINATION*



**CONTAMINATION?**

**WASTE STATION  
RULES**



***STUDENTS SHOULD...***

***SORT THEIR TRAY  
BEFORE BEING  
DISMISSED!***



***STUDENTS SHOULD...***

***WAIT TO BE  
DISMISSED!***





# ***STUDENTS SHOULD...***

***ALWAYS START AT THE BEGINNING OF  
THE LINE AT THE SHARE AND TAKE  
RACK . STARTING IN THE MIDDLE IS  
CONFUSING FOR EVERYONE!***





***STUDENTS SHOULD...***

***KEEP THEIR HANDS AND FEET  
TO THEMSELVES AT ALL TIMES!***





***STUDENTS SHOULD...***

***WAIT THEIR TURN!***





***STUDENTS SHOULD...***

***NOT THROW FOOD.  
FOOD DOESN'T FLY!***


The background is a collage of colorful geometric patterns: a green starburst in the top-left, a blue polka-dot section at the top, a red section with diagonal lines and stars on the right, a purple starburst at the bottom, and a yellow halftone pattern in the bottom-right. A large, light blue starburst with a black outline and dashed border is centered, containing the text. Numerous yellow starburst shapes radiate from behind the central star.

*TIPS FOR  
SUCCESS*

***ALWAYS ENFORCE THE  
WASTE STATION RULES -  
EVEN WITH YOUR FRIENDS!***

***POW!***





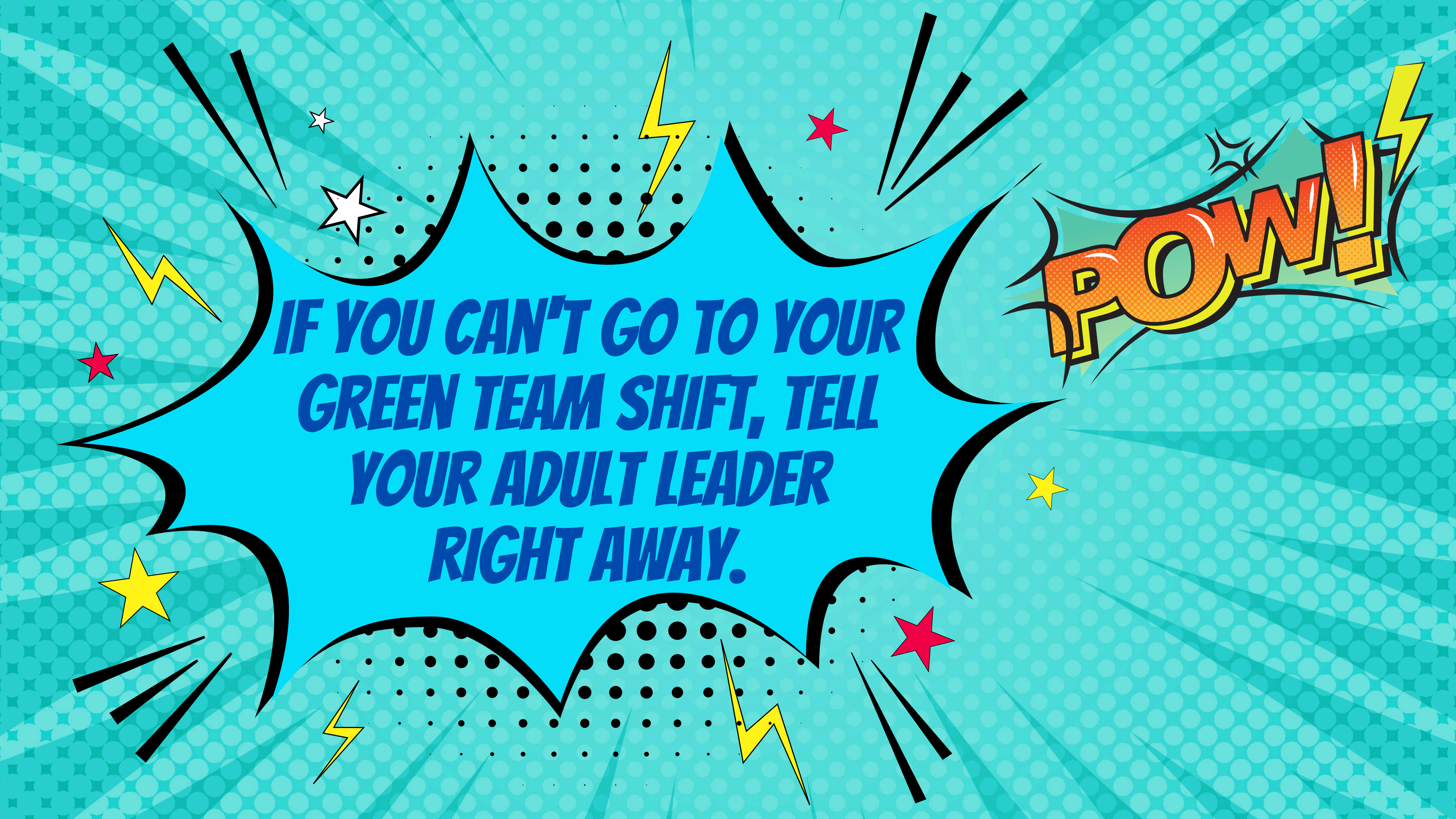
***YOU ARE THERE TO HELP  
YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS,  
YOU ARE NOT THERE TO  
DO IT FOR THEM!***

***BOOM!***



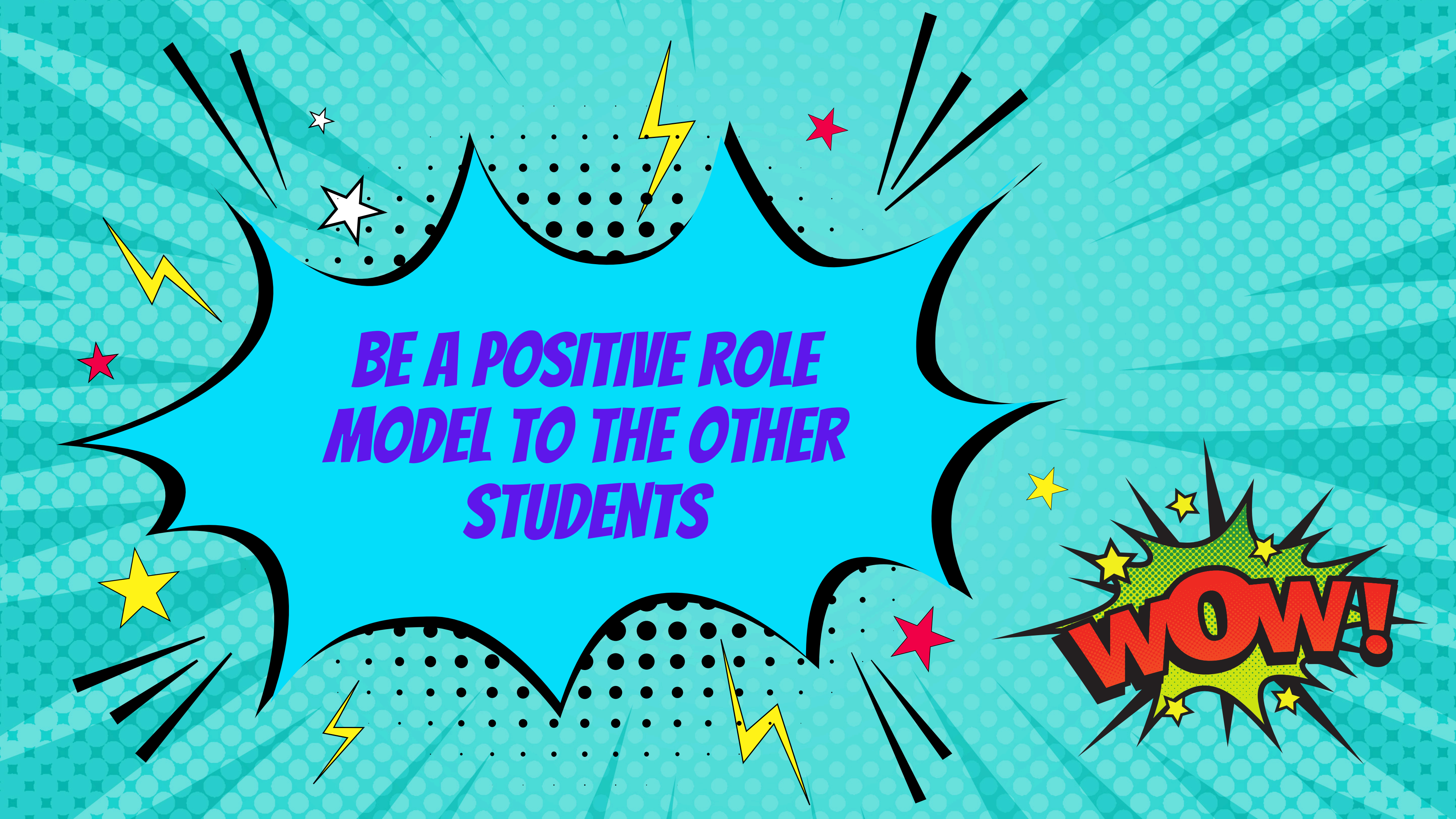
***BE RESPONSIBLE - IN  
YOUR CLASSWORK,  
BEHAVIOR & GREEN TEAM  
ROLES***

**BAM!**



***IF YOU CAN'T GO TO YOUR  
GREEN TEAM SHIFT, TELL  
YOUR ADULT LEADER  
RIGHT AWAY.***

***POW!***



***BE A POSITIVE ROLE  
MODEL TO THE OTHER  
STUDENTS***

**WOW!**

**GOOD  
JOB!**

**AMAZING!**

**AWESOME!**

**USE LOTS OF POSITIVE  
WORDS OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT AND  
PRAISE**

**YOU  
ROCK**



**super  
duper**

**SUPER!**

**KEEP @ THE  
GOOD  
WORK**

!you've!  
**GOT THIS**

\* Don't \*  
**GIVE UP**

**USE POSITIVE REDIRECTION  
PHRASES TO HELP TEACH  
WHEN STUDENTS DON'T GET  
IT RIGHT**

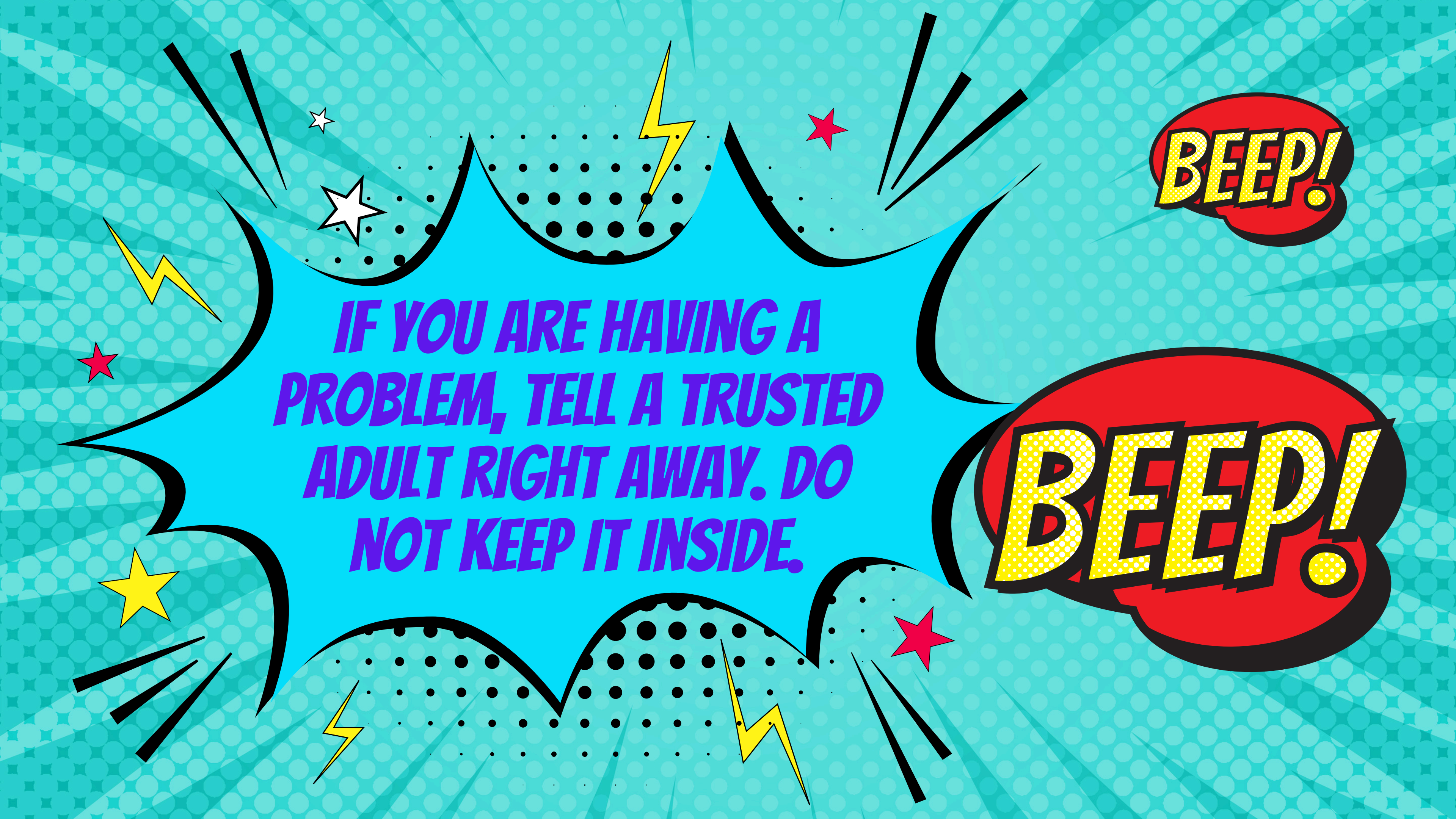
TOMORROW  YOU CAN TRY  
AGAIN 

**DON'T  
WORRY. I  
WILL HELP  
YOU!**

you  
can  
do it!

***TELL AN ADULT RIGHT  
AWAY IF SOMEONE IS  
DISRESPECTFUL TO YOU***





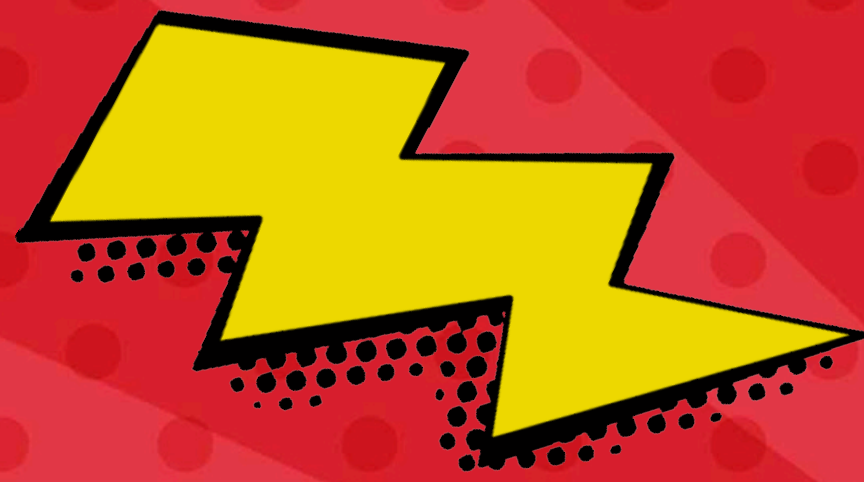
***IF YOU ARE HAVING A  
PROBLEM, TELL A TRUSTED  
ADULT RIGHT AWAY. DO  
NOT KEEP IT INSIDE.***

***BEEP!***

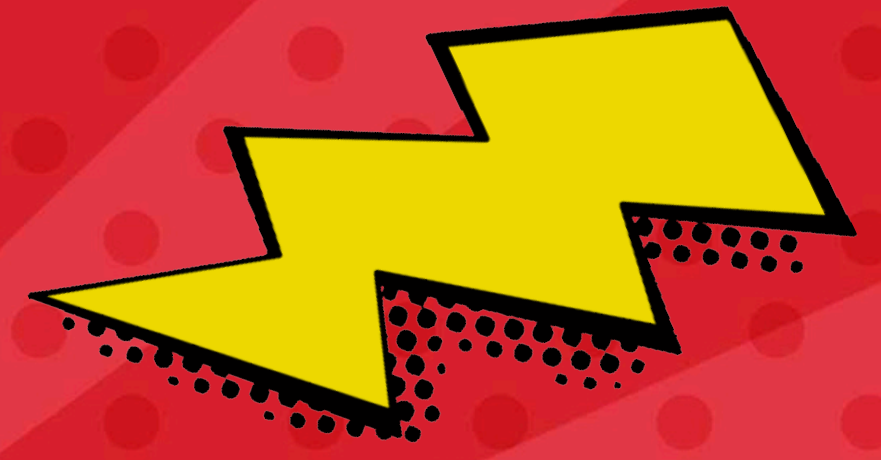
***BEEP!***

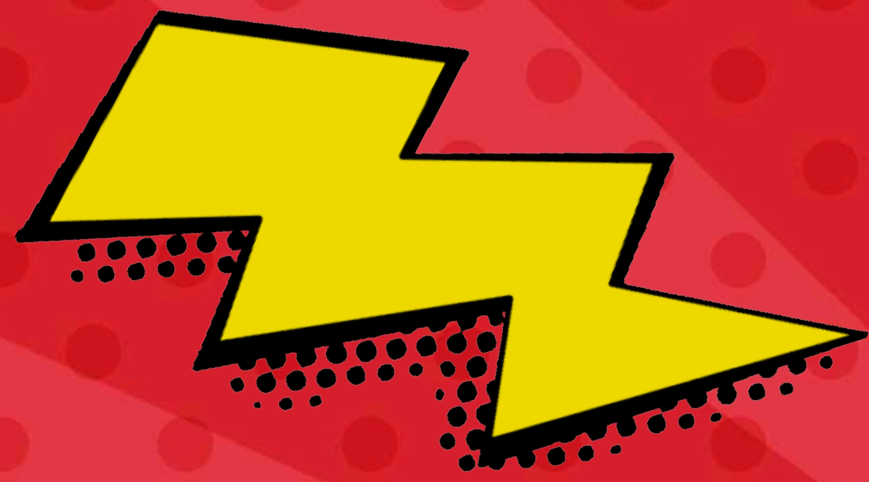
*GAME  
BREAK*



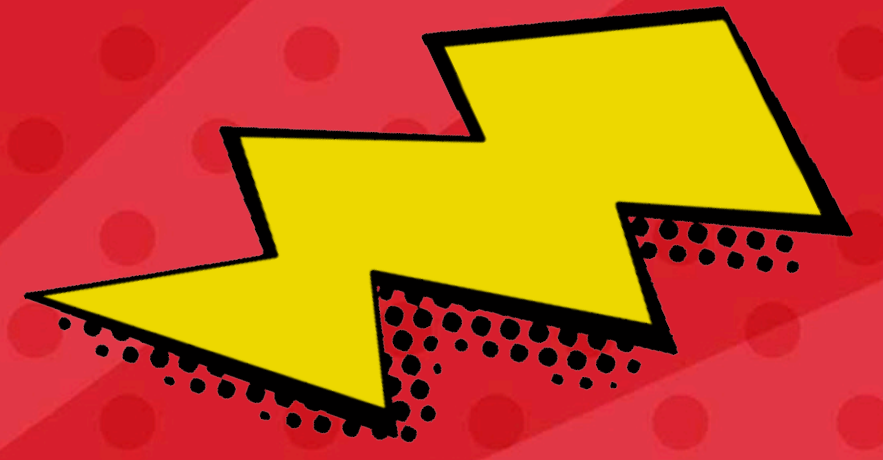


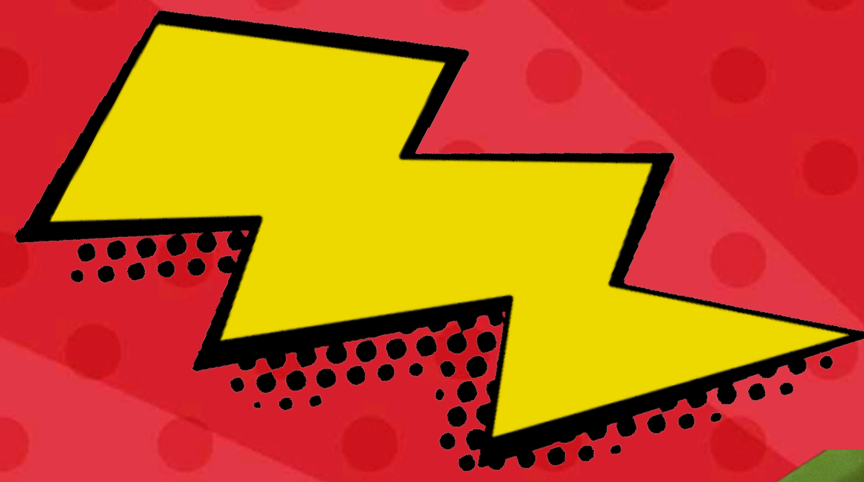
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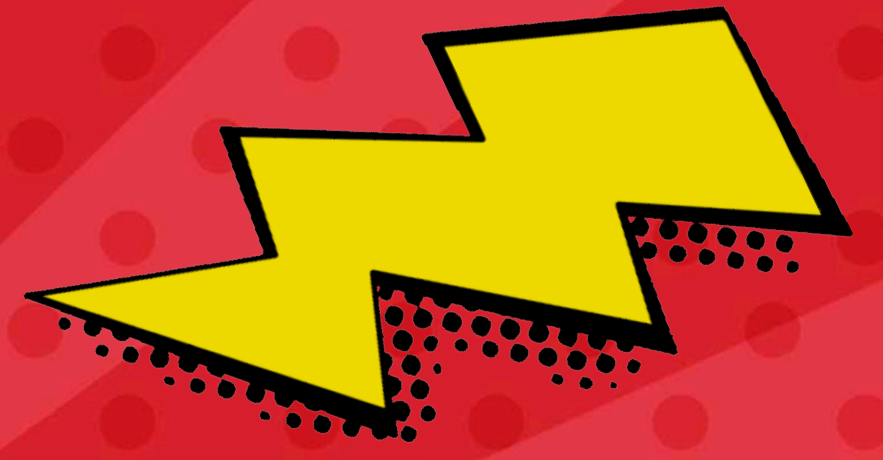


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*SOMETHING  
EXTRA*



# REDUCE

**TO MAKE SOMETHING SMALLER  
OR USE LESS RESULTING IN A  
SMALLER AMOUNT OF WASTE.**



**BIG PILE**



**SMALL PILE**

For us it means to **RECYCLE** more items from our lunches to **REDUCE** the amount of trash we send to the **LANDFILL**.

# REUSE

CONSUME  
LESS

CREATE  
MORE!



**USED OLD PANTS TO  
MAKE A NEW BAG**

**FIND NEW WAYS TO USE THINGS  
THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE  
BEEN THROWN OUT**

For us it means to **REUSE** and **RECYCLE** our **FOOD SCRAPS** and turn them into **COMPOST**.

# RECYCLE

**TURNING SOMETHING OLD INTO SOMETHING NEW**



For us it means to **RECYCLE** our **FOOD SCRAPS** and turn it into **COMPOST** which can be put into the fields to help grow new food!

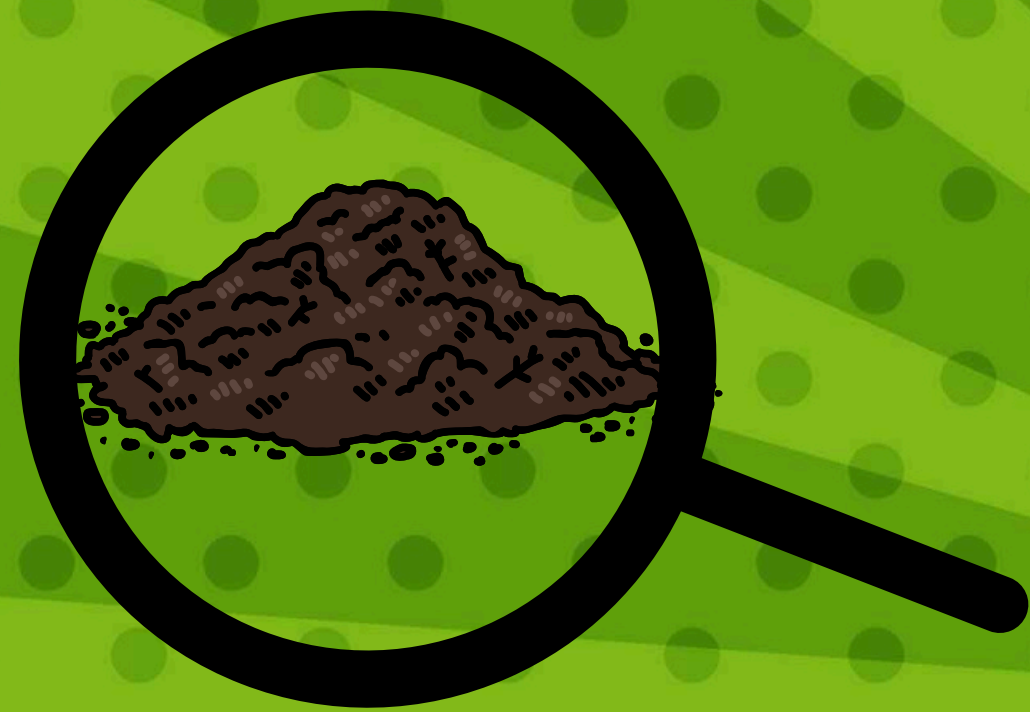
# **ROT**

***TO DECOMPOSE OR DECAY***



For us it means to allow our **FOOD SCRAPS** to **ROT** in a **COMPOST** pile instead of being buried in the **LANDFILL**

# COMPOST



**A NUTRIENT RICH SOIL THAT IS  
CREATED WHEN ORGANIC  
MATERIALS LIKE LEAVES, GRASS  
CLIPINGS AND FOOD WASTE ARE  
ALLOWED TO DECOMPOSE.**



For us it means we let  
our **FOOD SCRAPS**  
**ROT** and turn into  
**COMPOST.**

# FOOD WASTE/ FOOD SCRAPS

**UNEATEN FOOD, LEFTOVERS, PIECES OF FOOD LEFT FROM COOKING,. IF IT IS MADE FROM OR A PIECE OF INGREDIENTS THAT ONCE GREW, IT GOES IN THE FOOD SCRAPS (EVEN IF WE DON'T USUALLY EAT THAT PART)**



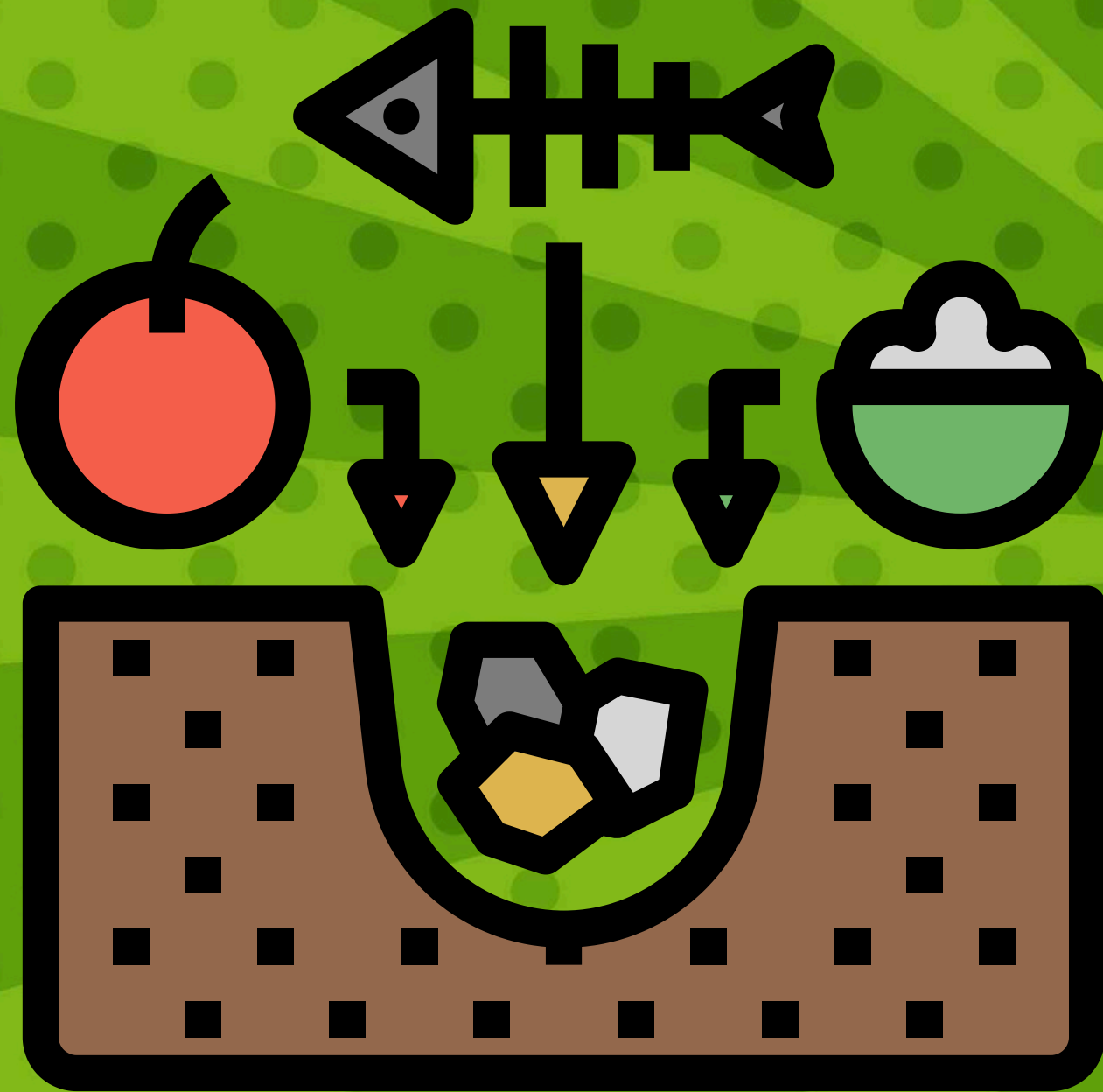
## FOOD WASTE



For us it means **FOOD WASTE** leftover from our school meals and snacks. It also means **FOOD SCRAPS** left from the kitchen leftover from when food is prepared.

# LANDFILL

**A SYSTEM OF TRASH AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL IN WHICH THE WASTE IS BURIED BETWEEN LAYERS OF EARTH**



For us that means the place we are trying to keep our **FOOD WASTE** from going to the **LANDFILL.**

# **CONTAMINATION**

**TO MAKE DIRTY, POLLUTED, OR NOT USABLE BY TOUCHING OR ADDING SOMETHING TO IT.**



For us it means to making sure that there isn't anything but **FOOD SCRAPS** in the **FOOD WASTE** carts. No **CONTAMINATION** such as trash or **RECYCLING**.