



The 3 R's (The Magic Number) - Jack Johnson - Notes



Activity type: gap fill.

Time: 30 minutes

Note: Jack Johnson recorded this song for the soundtrack of the 2006 film Curious George. It is based on the song "The Magic Number" by De La Soul.

1. Tell the class you are going to discuss the problem of waste collection and disposal. Ask what possible solutions can be found. This discussion could last the entire lesson!
2. Elicit the answers to the following questions:
 - two times three (2×3) = ?
 - three times six (3×6) = ?
 - the eighteenth letter of the alphabet = ?
3. Tell the students they are going to listen to a song about waste disposal called The 3 R's. What do they think the three R's are? Elicit the words **Recycle**, **Reuse** and **Reduce** – they should have no problem with Recycle, but may need help with the other two.
4. Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Before playing the song ask them to fill in all the gaps, apart from the chorus. The final lines are a number sequence, first increasing in threes, then decreasing in threes.
5. Play the song. Students listen to check and correct their answers to the previous activity, and fill in the chorus using the words **Recycle**, **Reuse** and **Reduce**.
6. Correct and sing together.

The following diagram is the from the U.S.A.'s Environmental Protection Agency's website:





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Three, it's a magic number
 Yes it is, it's a magic number
 Because two times three is _____
 And three times six is _____
 And the eighteenth letter in the alphabet is _____
 We've got three R's we're going to talk about today
 We've got to learn to

Chorus

We've got to learn to

_____/ _____/ _____
 _____/ _____/ _____
 _____/ _____/ _____
 _____/ _____/ _____



If you're going to the market to buy some juice
 You've got to bring your own bags and you learn to _____ your waste
 We've got to learn to _____
 And if your brother or your sister's got some cool clothes
 You could try them on before you buy some more of those
 _____, we've got to learn to _____
 And if the first two R's don't work out
 And if you've got to make some trash
 Well, don't throw it out
 _____, we've got to learn to _____,
 We've got to learn to

Repeat Chorus

Because three, it's a magic number
 Yes it is, it's a magic.... Number

3, 3, 3
 3, 6, 9, _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____
 33, 30, _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____/ _____, and
 3, it's a magic number



The 3 R's (The Magic Number) - Complete



Three, it's a magic number
Yes it is, it's a magic number
Because two times three is **six**
And three times six is **eighteen**
And the eighteenth letter in the alphabet is **R**
We've got three R's we're going to talk about today
We've got to learn to

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

If you're going to the market to buy some juice
You've got to bring your own bags and you learn to **reduce** your waste
We've got to learn to **reduce**
And if your brother or your sister's got some cool clothes
You could try them on before you buy some more of those
Reuse, we've got to learn to **reuse**
And if the first two R's don't work out
And if you've got to make some trash
Well, don't throw it out
Recycle, we've got to learn to **recycle**,
We've got to learn to

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Because three, it's a magic number
Yes it is, it's a magic... number

3, 3, 3
3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36
33, 30, 27, 24, 21, 18, 15, 12, 9, 6, and
3, it's a magic number