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**LEVEL ONE**

**Example 1**

- Why is recycling important?
- How can we Reduce, Reuse and recycle?
- How can we save water?
- How can we use less fossil fuels?
- Where can we find more fossil fuels?

**Example 2**

- what would the water be used for
- what would the pop cans be used for
- what would the caustic soda be used for
- what is super potential
- why is the selection called simple technology super potential

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**LEVEL TWO**

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- what can you do to make simple technology
- what do you get when you mix water, aluminum, and caustic soda
- what does super potential mean?
- what is Jim Anderson method of producing hydrogen gas?

**Example 2**

- How long do you think the scientists predicted that Earth's resources of oil and gas will be depleted by?
- What does water + aluminum + caustic soda equal to?
- How much garbage is wasted every year
- What is hydrogen?
- How many people die from air pollution?

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**LEVEL THREE**

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- How does garbage turn into fuel?
- Do you need a limited amount to make it?
- How much would it cost to do this?
- What are sources of Aluminum?
- What quality of water does not effect the reaction?

**Example 2**

- What are fossil fuels? Why are they important to us?
- Who is Jim Andersen and what is his profession?
- How does water, aluminum, and caustic soda create super potential?
- What is Jim Andersens method of producing hydrogen gas?

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**LEVEL FOUR**

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- Can this simple technology make a solution to our environmental problem?
- Will Jim Andersons invention work if we decide to use it?
- How can we use hydrogen gas to power our cars?
- Are there any problems with using hydrogen as a fuel?

**Example 2**

- What exactly is "Simple Technology, Super Potential"?
- Does it relate to science or geography?
- How will it affect our Earth now or in the future?
- Is there anyway we can help?
- How did Jim Anderson discover this method and could it be used in the future?

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