

## Environment Filler

- **Before class, prepare** a plastic bag full of (not too dirty) garbage: empty cans, bottles, milk cartons, papers, wrappers, etc.
- **In class**, make some space in the classroom by moving the students' desks to one side of the room. In the empty space, have students sit in a half-circle.
- Sit in front of the students and show them the bag of garbage. Ask them, *What's inside the bag?*
- After they make some guesses, take out a piece of garbage. Ask, *What's this?*
- Prompt the students to answer, *Garbage! It's garbage.* (Note: If your class is more advanced in English, then you can be more specific and answer, *A [bottle/wrapper/bag]. It's garbage.*
- After they answer, put the piece of garbage on the floor.
- Continue until the bag is empty and all of the garbage is around you.
- Once the bag is empty and the garbage is all around you, use the following questions and sentences to talk about garbage: *Oh, no! What's this? (It's garbage!) Look at the garbage. What a mess! Where does the garbage go? (In a trash bag/can, etc.) Is it stinky? (Yes, it is!/ It is stinky!) Is it messy? Is it dirty? etc.*
- As you pick up the garbage and put it back into the plastic bag, use the "Garbage Chant" (**See Environment Chant Activity**).