



# Litter Bin Assessment

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**Environmental Aim:** To assess whether there are enough litter bins in a particular area, by determining whether or not the present bins are overflowing.

**Method:** An assessment of how adequate the provision of litter bins is should be judged according to how full they are individually, using the following system, and calculating the overall average grade:

- **A Good** – the litter level is less than 50% full, from the base to the lip of the liner.
- **B Satisfactory** – the litter level is between 50% and 75% from the base to the lip of the liner.
- **C Unsatisfactory** – the litter level is between 76% and 100% from the base to the lip of the liner.
- **D Poor** – the litter level is over the lip of the liner: the bin is overflowing.

If the overall average assessment is more than a grade C, there are not enough litter bins in the area.

**Discuss:** Can you think of any way, other than buying more bins, to reduce the amount of litter? Solutions could include emptying the bins more often or encouraging people to take their rubbish home.

**Additional Activities:** Design a poster to encourage people to take their litter home.

