

Rubber Bingo

An extension of "Better ways to produce rubber"

"Better ways to produce rubber" (page 16, *What's Up* July 2018) tells us that forests are being cleared to make way for rubber plantations. Companies and farmers are now finding greener ways to farm rubber. But, just how much rubber do we use in our daily lives? To find out, let's play a game of Bingo!

- 1. Play the game** — Find as many of the items as you can below at your school. When you find an item, get the signature of the person who owns it. The first to fill up two complete lines (either horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) wins.

<p>Shoes with rubber soles</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Eraser</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Rubber seal on water bottle</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Rubber band</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Braces</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Soccer ball</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Basketball</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Mousepad</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Rubber stamp</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Rubber boots</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Pen with rubber grip</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Elastic band on clothing</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Phone case containing rubber</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Device with rubber buttons</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Hair tie</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Doorstop</p> <p>_____</p>

- 2. Discuss** — As a whole class, respond to the following questions:
 - a) Were you surprised by the number of everyday items that contain rubber? If everybody owns such items, imagine how much rubber is used in the world.
 - b) What other everyday products containing rubber can you think of?
 - c) How can we help to reduce the demand for rubber?