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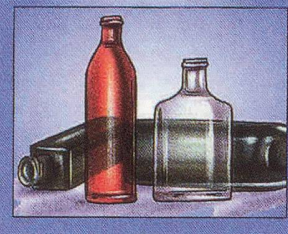
## WHERE WAS GLASS FIRST USED?

Glass is generally believed to have first been manufactured in the form of a glaze on ceramic vessels, about 3000 BCE. The first glass vessels were produced about 1500 BCE in Egypt and Mesopotamia. Glass is one of the most useful materials in the world. Few manufactured substances add as much to modern living as glass does. Yet few products are made of such inexpensive raw materials. Glass is made chiefly from silica sand, soda ash and limestone.

Glass has countless uses. Food is preserved in glass jars. People drink from glass containers called glasses. Windows in homes, schools and office buildings are made of glass. Motor vehicles have glass windscreens and windows. People with vision problems wear spectacles or eyeglasses. Scientists use glass test tubes, and microscopes and telescopes with glass lenses.

### FACT FILE

It is very easy to recycle glass. It is simply broken up and melted, before being shaped again in the normal way.



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