### 2. Recycling Activity (Proportions and Percentages):

# **Objective:**

Students will use **GeoGebra** to understand proportions and percentages in the context of recycling and CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction.

# Step 1: Creating a Recycling Chart

- 1. Open GeoGebra and select the Graph Tool to create a bar chart or pie chart.
- 2. Enter the recycling data. For example:
  - $\circ$  Recycled bottles = 150
  - $\circ$  Non-recycled bottles = 50
  - $\circ$  Total bottles = 200
- 3. Use the **Bar Chart Tool** to add this data. Students will see the proportions of recycled versus total.

## Step 2: Calculating the Recycling Percentage

1. Use the **Calculator Tool** in GeoGebra to calculate the recycling percentage. The formula would be:

$$\operatorname{Recycling}\operatorname{Percentage} = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Recycled}\operatorname{Bottles}}{\operatorname{Total}\operatorname{Bottles}}\right) \times 100$$

2. You can input the numbers directly to get the percentage, and GeoGebra will display the result.

#### Step 3: Estimating CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

- 1. You can use the Calculator Tool to estimate the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.
  - For example, if each recyclable bottle saves 0.25 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>, and students have recycled 150 bottles:

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m kg} = 37.5\,{
m kg}\,{
m CO_2}$$

#### Step 4: Creating a Visual Model for CO<sub>2</sub> Savings

- 1. Use the **Graph Tool** to create a **bar chart** showing the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> saved for each level of recycling.
- 2. Share the file with students so they can see how CO<sub>2</sub> savings increase as recycling amounts rise.

#### Tips for Using GeoGebra with Students:

- Encourage students to use **GeoGebra to experiment** with different datasets and explore results for various configurations.
- You can save the GeoGebra file and share it through links or use it during the activity.