## **Breakdown of Waste Timeline**

- 1. Place the items on the timeline below to show how long each item takes to break down. On the top row put the time then on the second row put the item (first one is done for you).
- 2. Choose one food and one packaging item from your timeline and calculate the difference between the times that they take to break down in days.

Time that items found in school lunchboxes take to break down

## Food

Apple core: 2 months
Banana skin: 4 weeks
Orange skin: 5 weeks
Sandwich crust: 2 weeks

Leftover noodles: 6 weeks

Bread: 12 days

## **Packaging**

Plastic bag: 10 years Paper bag: 8 weeks Plastic wrap: 25 years

Greaseproof paper: 8 weeks Plastic water bottle: 450 years



12 Days					
Bread					