

Earth Day

Did you know that our planet has a special day? Every year on the 22nd of April, we celebrate Earth Day. On this day, we remind ourselves and others how precious the Earth is and how important it is to look after it.

Earth Day was the idea of the American Senator Gaylord Nelson who didn't want to see our planet suffer. Rivers and seas were getting dirty, many of our plants and animals were becoming extinct. Therefore, he decided to respond and create a special day to take care of Earth. He started by writing letters to schools, to inform students and teachers about his campaign. He hoped that young people around the country would react positively. Fortunately, they did!

As a result, in 1970, twenty million people across America celebrated the first Earth Day. People all over the country made promises to look after the environment. Since then, Earth Day has been celebrated all over the planet.

Today, on Earth Day people organise events such as concerts, tree-planting excursions and clean-up campaigns to collect money. Children also help design and make objects at school. Now all of us promise to try to turn everyday into Earth Day!

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Part One (14 pts)

A/-Reading Comprehension (07pts)

Read the text carefully and do the following activities:

Activity One (03pts): Choose a ,b, c or d to complete the following sentences :

- Earth Day is celebrated..... a year.
a)-once b)-twice c)-three times d)-several times
- Earth Day was created because the planet was.....
a)-getting clean b)-improving c)-developing d)-getting polluted
- American people promised to.....Earth.
a)-neglect b)-pollute c)-care about d)-damage

Activity Two (02 pts): Answer the following questions:

- Is it important to take care of Earth?
- Do only adults celebrate Earth Day?

Activity Three (02pts): Match the words in column A with their equivalents in column B.

column A	column B
precious	take action
dirty	valuable
react	unclean
fortunately	luckily

B/-Mastery of language (07pts)

Activity One(02pts): Reorder the following words to get coherent sentences :

- 1- recycled / . / can be / Plastic bottles and newspapers
2- to decorate / . / flowers / your school / Plant

Activity Two(03pts): Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets

- 1- Switch off the lights when you (to leave) the classroom.
2- Taking care of your school (to be) a duty.
3- If all learners contribute in clean up campaigns , schools (to be) a better environment.

Activity Three (02pts): Write the following words in the right box according to their consonant sound:

“ Pollution / choose / rubbish /change ”

/tʃ / children	/ʃ / should
1-.....	1-.....
2-.....	2-.....

Part Two (06pts): Written Expression

You are a member of a green club and want to do something for your school environment. Write an article for your school magazine about how to make your school cleaner and more beautiful.

- Write about:
- cleaning up your school
- planting trees and flowers
- collecting rubbish and decorating the classrooms

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