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To raise awareness of environmental issues and inspire appreciation for our environment.

Origins?

Idea came after a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara in 1969.

Who?

Former senator Gaylord Nelson.

When?

Every April 22nd. Between spring break and final exams in the school calendar.

First One?

In 1970. 20 million Americans demonstrated for a healthy, sustainable environment.

Results?

Led to:
EPA - Env. Protection Agency
Clean Air Act
Clean Water Act
192 countries celebrate



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EARTH DAY is the name given to an annual observance that is intended to raise awareness about a wide range of environmental issues and problems, and to inspire people to take personal action to address them.

Our planet is in crisis due to global warming, overpopulation, and other critical environmental issues. Every person on Earth shares the responsibility to do as much as they can to preserve the planet's finite natural resources today and for future generations.

Earth Day was inspired and organized by environmental activist and senator: Gaylord Nelson, who wanted to show other U.S. politicians that there was widespread public support for a political agenda centered on environmental issues. The event was wildly successful, sparking Earth Day celebrations at thousands of colleges, universities, schools and communities all across the United States. Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on the 22nd April, on which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Following the Earth Day celebration inspired by Nelson, which demonstrated widespread grassroots support for environmental legislation, Congress passed many important environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, as well as laws to protect wilderness areas. The Environmental Protection Agency was created within three years after Earth Day 1970.

No matter when you celebrate Earth Day, its message about the personal responsibility we all share to "think globally and act locally" as environmental stewards of planet Earth has never been more timely or important.



Earth *day*

Sort out the following actions. Which ones are good and which ones are bad for the environment?

reuse bags cut down trees waste water pollute the air recycle
plant trees turn off the lights use lots of plastic bags drop litter
leave the lights on walk or ride a bike protect animals

Good for the environment



Bad for the environment



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Name _____

Date _____

Earth Day



Complete the sentences using words from the word box.

Earth recycle trash faucet plant
walk bicycle trees water love



1. _____ Day started on April 22, 1970.
2. I can ride my _____ in the park with my friends.
3. On Earth Day, we go out to the forest and _____ trees because they help keep the air clean.
4. I _____ nature, where I can hear the birds sing and feel the wind in the trees.
5. My family sorts cardboard, glass and plastic for the _____ bin.
6. If you turn off the _____ when you brush your teeth, you save gallons of water.
7. There is a school club that visits the beach to pick up _____.
8. When you _____ instead of driving a car, it decreases air pollution and helps you get active!
9. Taking a shorter shower saves _____.
10. Planting and conserving _____ make the air cleaner because they give off oxygen and absorb pollutants.



Answer Key

Earth Day Cloze Activity

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1. Earth Day started on April 22, 1970.
2. I can ride my bicycle in the park with my friends.
3. On Earth Day, we go out to the forest and plant trees because they help keep the air clean.
4. I love nature, where I can hear the birds sing and feel the wind in the trees.
5. My family sorts cardboard, glass and plastic for the recycle bin.
6. If you turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth, you save gallons of water.
7. There is a school club that visits the beach to pick up trash.
8. When you walk instead of driving a car, it decreases air pollution and helps you get active!
9. Taking a shorter shower saves water.
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