EARTH DAY

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ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.
Earth Day is an annual event that aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for our environment. It was founded in 1969 by peace activist John McConnell. He introduced the idea of a global holiday called "Earth Day" at a UN conference on the environment in 1969. The first Earth Day celebration was in 1970. It was quickly adopted by the United Nations. In 1971, then Secretary-General U Thant proclaimed that Earth Day should be held every year. He said: “May there only be peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for our beautiful Spaceship Earth as it continues to spin and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo of animate life.” It marked the birth of the modern environmental movement.

Earth Day is now observed in 175 countries around the world. It is one of the largest events in the United Nation’s annual calendar. Earth Day is coordinated by the non-profit Earth Day Network. They say more than a half billion people every year celebrate it. Earth Day has got countries to act together to help save our planet. The 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro was the result of an earlier Earth Day campaign. Earth Day 2000 highlighted the urgent need for clean and green energy. Earth Day 2007 was huge, with an estimated billion people participating in thousands of activities. The 2009 Disney movie ‘Earth’ raises awareness of the many ways people can help our planet on Earth Day.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. appreciation
2. He introduced the idea of
3. It was quickly adopted
4. Earth Day should
5. fragile
6. the modern environmental

a. be held every year
b. cargo
c. movement
d. for our environment
e. a global holiday
f. by the United Nations

Paragraph 2

1. observed in
2. the United Nation’s annual
3. Earth Day has got countries
4. the urgent need
5. an estimated
6. the many ways people can

a. for clean and green energy
b. billion people
c. help our planet
d. to act together
e. 175 countries
f. calendar
LISTENING GAP FILL

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

Earth Day is an (1) ____ event that aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for our environment. It was founded in 1969 by peace (2) ____ John McConnell. He introduced the idea of a global holiday called "Earth Day" at a UN conference on the environment in 1969. The (3) ____ Earth Day celebration was in 1970. It was quickly adopted by the United Nations. In 1971, (4) ____ Secretary-General U Thant proclaimed that Earth Day should be held every year. He said: "(5) ____ there only be peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for our beautiful Spaceship Earth as it continues to spin and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo of animate life." It marked the (6) ____ of the modern environmental movement.

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Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) annual (b) annually (c) annuals (d) annul
2. (a) activity (b) activism (c) activist (d) actively
3. (a) firsts (b) first (c) firstly (d) first-time
4. (a) that (b) when (c) there (d) then
5. (a) March (b) May (c) Say (d) Could
6. (a) birth (b) born (c) birthing (d) give birth
7. (a) at (b) to (c) in (d) as
8. (a) We (b) He (c) Them (d) They
9. (a) save (b) savings (c) saver (d) saviour
10. (a) from (b) for (c) to (d) with
11. (a) on (b) to (c) as (d) in
12. (a) much (b) any (c) many (d) some
SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

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3. ddteopa by the United Nations
4. spin and ilcerc
5. fragile orcga
6. the btrhi of the modern environmental movement

Paragraph 2

7. now sevebdro in 175 countries
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. an awareness inspire to aims that event annual

2. global a of idea the introduced He holiday

3. adopted quickly was It Nations United the by

4. of cargo fragile and warm its life animate

5. environmental the of modern movement birth the

6. Earth countries 175 in observed now is Day

7. coordinated profit by Earth the Day non Network -

8. together planet to countries help to save act our

9. and clean for need urgent the energy green

10. planet our help can people ways many the
DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

4. ________________________________________________________________

5. ________________________________________________________________

6. ________________________________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. ________________________________________________________________

2. ________________________________________________________________

3. ________________________________________________________________

4. ________________________________________________________________

5. ________________________________________________________________

6. ________________________________________________________________
THE EARTH DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Earth Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING

Write about Earth Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Earth Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Earth Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Earth Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.