

PLANT APPRECIATION DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

April 14 is Plant Appreciation Day (PAD). This is when you appreciate just how important plants are to us. Few of us ever stop to think just how vital plants are to our survival. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Plants change the CO₂ in the air into oxygen. No plants, no oxygen. Plants also improve our daily lives. Most of us have a plant or many plants we like to look after. Some of us even talk to our plants. On PAD, say some nice things to the plants in your life, or treat them to some plant food. The PAD website has a few other suggestions, such as growing your own vegetables and giving them to the poor. Another idea is to plant a tree for every year you've been on the planet. Plants are so important for our future.

What are plants exactly? They don't all grow in pots. Plants are living organisms belonging to the *Plantae* kingdom. They include trees, bushes, vines, ferns, grasses, herbs, mosses, and green algae. People who study plants are called botanists. They say there are 350,000 species of plants in the world. Plants are important for all of our food. We eat fruit, vegetables and grains, and the animals we eat also eat plants. We also need plants to breathe. Plants have a system called photosynthesis which provides us with oxygen. Plants also provide us with materials for building things, like wood; and medicines. Even the energy we use is from plants. Oil is a fossil fuel from plants that died millions of years ago. We really need to appreciate plants more.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. appreciate just how important | a. stop to think |
| 2. Few of us ever | b. been on the planet |
| 3. Plants change the CO2 in the | c. important for our future |
| 4. Some of us even | d. plants are |
| 5. plant a tree for every year you've | e. air into oxygen |
| 6. Plants are so | f. talk to our plants |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. They don't all | a. species of plants |
| 2. People who study plants are | b. building things |
| 3. there are 350,000 | c. called botanists |
| 4. Plants have a system called | d. fossil fuel |
| 5. materials for | e. grow in pots |
| 6. Oil is a | f. photosynthesis |

LISTENING GAP FILL

April 14 is Plant Appreciation Day (PAD). This is _____ just how important plants are to us. Few of us ever stop to think just how vital _____ survival. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Plants change the CO₂ in the air into oxygen. No plants, no oxygen. Plants _____ daily lives. Most of us have a plant or many plants we like to look after. Some of _____ plants. On PAD, say some nice things to the plants in your life, _____ some plant food. The PAD website has a few other suggestions, such as growing your own vegetables and giving them to the poor. Another _____ tree for every year you've been on the planet. Plants are so important for our future.

What are plants exactly? They _____ pots. Plants are living organisms belonging to the *Plantae* kingdom. They include trees, bushes, vines, ferns, _____, and green algae. People who study plants are called botanists. They say there are _____ plants in the world. Plants are important for all of our food. We eat fruit, vegetables and grains, and the animals we eat also eat plants. We also need _____. Plants have a system called photosynthesis which provides us with oxygen. Plants also provide us with materials _____, like wood; and medicines. Even the energy we use is from plants. _____ from plants that died millions of years ago. We really need to appreciate plants more.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

April 14 is Plant Appreciation Day (PAD). This is when you _____ just how important plants are to us. Few of us ever stop to think just how _____ plants are to our survival. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Plants change the CO₂ in the air into _____. No plants, no oxygen. Plants also improve our daily lives. Most of us have a plant or many plants we like to look after. Some of us even _____ to our plants. On PAD, say some _____ things to the plants in your life, or _____ them to some plant food. The PAD website has a few other suggestions, such as growing your own vegetables and giving them to the _____. Another idea is to plant a tree for every year you've been on the _____. Plants are so important for our future.

poor
oxygen
appreciate
planet
nice
vital
treat
talk

What are plants _____? They don't all grow in pots. Plants are living organisms belonging to the *Plantae* kingdom. They include trees, _____, vines, ferns, grasses, herbs, mosses, and green algae. People who study plants are called _____. They say there are 350,000 species of plants in the world. Plants are important for all of our food. We eat fruit, vegetables and _____, and the animals we eat also eat plants. We also need plants to _____. Plants have a system called photosynthesis which provides us with _____. Plants also provide us with materials for building things, like wood; and medicines. Even the _____ we use is from plants. Oil is a fossil _____ from plants that died millions of years ago. We really need to appreciate plants more.

botanists
oxygen
exactly
fuel
bushes
breathe
grains
energy

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

April 14 is Plant Appreciation Day (PAD). This is when you *appreciation* / *appreciate* just how important plants are to us. *Few* / *Several* of us ever stop to think just how vital plants are to our survival. Without them, we wouldn't be *here* / *there*. Plants change the CO₂ in the air into oxygen. No plants, no oxygen. Plants also improve *our* / *their* daily lives. Most of us have a plant or many plants we like to look *before* / *after*. Some of us even talk to our plants. On PAD, say some nice things to the plants in your life, or *treat* / *threat* them to some plant food. The PAD website has a few other suggestions, such as growing your own vegetables and giving them to the *poverty* / *poor*. Another idea is to plant a tree for every year you've been on the planet. Plants are *so* / *such* important for our future.

What are plants *exact* / *exactly*? They don't all grow in pots. Plants are living organisms *belonging* / *belong* to the *Plantae* kingdom. They include trees, bushes, vines, ferns, grasses, herbs, mosses, and green algae. People who study plants are called *botany* / *botanists*. They say there are 350,000 species of plants in the world. Plants are important for all of our food. We eat fruit, vegetables and grains, and the animals we *eat* / *ate* also eat plants. We also need plants to *breathe* / *breath*. Plants have a system called photosynthesis which provides us with oxygen. Plants also provide *us* / *them* with materials for building things, like wood; and medicines. Even the energy we use is from plants. Oil is a fossil *fuels* / *fuel* from plants that died millions of years *ago* / *before*. We really need to appreciate plants more.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

April 14 is Plant Appreciation Day (PAD). This is when you appreciate just (1) ____ important plants are to us. Few of us ever stop to think just how vital plants are to our (2) _____. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Plants change the CO₂ in the air into oxygen. No plants, no oxygen. Plants also improve our (3) ____ lives. Most of us have a plant or many plants we like to look after. Some of us even (4) _____ to our plants. On PAD, say some nice things to the plants in your life, or treat them to some plant food. The PAD website has a (5) _____ other suggestions, such as growing your own vegetables and giving them to the poor. Another idea is to plant a tree for every year you've been on the planet. Plants are so (6) _____ for our future.

What are plants exactly? They don't all (7) _____ in pots. Plants are living organisms belonging to the *Plantae* kingdom. They include trees, bushes, vines, ferns, grasses, (8) _____, mosses, and green algae. People who study plants are called botanists. They say there are 350,000 species of plants in the world. Plants are important (9) _____ all of our food. We eat fruit, vegetables and grains, and the animals we eat also eat plants. We also need plants to (10) _____. Plants have a system called photosynthesis which provides us with oxygen. Plants also provide (11) _____ with materials for building things, like wood; and medicines. Even the energy we use is from plants. Oil is a fossil fuel from plants that died millions of years ago. We really (12) _____ to appreciate plants more.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) what | (b) how | (c) which | (d) why |
| 2. | (a) survives | (b) survived | (c) survivor | (d) survival |
| 3. | (a) daily | (b) daytime | (c) days | (d) day |
| 4. | (a) walk | (b) stalk | (c) talk | (d) chalk |
| 5. | (a) few | (b) number | (c) several | (d) many |
| 6. | (a) importance | (b) importantly | (c) imports | (d) important |
| 7. | (a) growth | (b) growing | (c) grow | (d) grew |
| 8. | (a) herbivores | (b) herbs | (c) herbaceous | (d) herb |
| 9. | (a) from | (b) for | (c) of | (d) off |
| 10. | (a) breathe | (b) breathing | (c) breathed | (d) breath |
| 11. | (a) them | (b) him | (c) us | (d) they |
| 12. | (a) necessary | (b) needy | (c) needing | (d) need |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. how livat plants are
2. No plants, no xyegon
3. ttrea them to some plant food
4. ignrowg your own vegetables
5. Inatp a tree
6. so important for our ertuuf

Paragraph 2

7. grow in tpos
8. People who study plants are called sonbasitt
9. We also need plants to etbhera
10. materials for bildigun things
11. ifloss fuel
12. We really need to eiaetapcpr plants more

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () are called botanists. They say there are 350,000 species of plants in the world. Plants are important for all of our
- () things to the plants in your life, or treat them to some plant food. The PAD website has a few other
- () us have a plant or many plants we like to look after. Some of us even talk to our plants. On PAD, say some nice
- () materials for building things, like wood; and medicines. Even the energy we use is from plants. Oil is a fossil
- () kingdom. They include trees, bushes, vines, ferns, grasses, herbs, mosses, and green algae. People who study plants
- () breathe. Plants have a system called photosynthesis which provides us with oxygen. Plants also provide us with
- () fuel from plants that died millions of years ago. We really need to appreciate plants more.
- () of us ever stop to think just how vital plants are to our survival. Without them, we wouldn't be here. Plants change the CO₂
- () in the air into oxygen. No plants, no oxygen. Plants also improve our daily lives. Most of
- () What are plants exactly? They don't all grow in pots. Plants are living organisms belonging to the *Plantae*
- () tree for every year you've been on the planet. Plants are so important for our future.
- (**1**) April 14 is Plant Appreciation Day (PAD). This is when you appreciate just how important plants are to us. Few
- () suggestions, such as growing your own vegetables and giving them to the poor. Another idea is to plant a
- () food. We eat fruit, vegetables and grains, and the animals we eat also eat plants. We also need plants to

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. important how just appreciate are plants

2. of to us think ever Few stop

3. CO2 oxygen in Plants the change air the into

4. even us of Some plants our to talk

5. important our Plants so for future are

6. all don't They pots in grow

7. who plants called People study are botanists

8. of all for important are Plants food our

9. We breathe to plants need also

10. really to plants We need appreciate more

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE PLANT APPRECIATION DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Plant Appreciation 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.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

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 Plant Appreciation Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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 Plant Appreciation Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Plant Appreciation 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 Plant Appreciation Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.