WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need to put in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days of the holiday calendar. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn’t such a big issue back then. It is one of the hottest topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the threats to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based on different themes each year. These events encourage both governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are tackled from a grass roots level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are aware of today’s environmental issues. Even though many of the world’s citizens know the issues, too few people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce our carbon footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use less power and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the dangers to the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to reduce their energy consumption too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated every year.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. a day we all need to put  
   a. the holiday calendar
2. one of the most important days of  
   b. each year
3. The environment wasn’t  
   c. in our diaries
4. one of the hottest  
   d. such a big issue
5. events based on different themes  
   e. roots level
6. tackled from a grass  
   f. topics

Paragraph 2

1. too few people  
   a. all use less power
2. start changing our lifestyle  
   b. consumption
3. reduce our carbon  
   c. forever
4. With a little thought, we could  
   d. superpowers such as China
5. The governments of new  
   e. footprint
6. reduce their energy  
   f. do enough
LISTENING GAP FILL

World Environment Day (WED) is a day ________________ in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days ________________. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment ________________ issue back then. It is one of the hottest topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide ________________ threats to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events ________________ themes each year. These events encourage both governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are tackled ________________ level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are ________________ environmental issues. Even though many of the world’s citizens know the issues, ________________ enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce ________________. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use ________________ the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the dangers to the environment. The governments of ________________ as China and India need to reduce their ________________ too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated every year.
Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need to ________ in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days of the holiday ________. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn’t such a big ________ back then. It is one of the ________ topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the ________ to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based on different ________ each year. These events encourage both governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are ________ from a grass roots ________ and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are ________ of today’s environmental issues. Even though many of the world’s citizens know the ________, too few people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is ________ warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce our ________ footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use less ________ and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the ________ to the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to ________ their energy consumption too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more ________ every year.
World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need / necessary to put in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most importance / important days of the holiday calendar. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn’t so / such a big issue back then. It is one of the hottest topics / topic in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the threats to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based off / on different themes each year. These events encourage both governments and local / locally communities to work together. This insures / ensures environmental problems are tackled from a grass branches / roots level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are awareness / aware of today’s environmental issues. Even though / through many of the world’s citizens know the issues, too / two few people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious / seriously issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce our carbon handprint / footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use less power and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware for / of the dangers to the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to reduce their energetically / energy consumption too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated / celebration every year.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need to put (1) ____ our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days (2) ____ the holiday calendar. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn’t such a big issue back (3) ____. It is one of the hottest topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the threats (4) ____ our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based on different themes each year. These events encourage (5) ____ governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are tackled from a grass (6) ____ level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are aware of (7) ____ environmental issues. Even though many of the world’s citizens know the issues, too (8) ____ people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start (9) ____ our lifestyle forever to reduce our carbon footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little (10) ____ , we could all use less power and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the dangers (11) ____ the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to reduce their energy (12) ____ too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated every year.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) on (b) to (c) at (d) in
2. (a) of (b) to (c) by (d) with
3. (a) there (b) then (c) that (d) before
4. (a) at (b) of (c) to (d) so
5. (a) pair (b) duo (c) both (d) two
6. (a) twigs (b) roots (c) trunks (d) branches
7. (a) today’s (b) today (c) two days (d) two days’
8. (a) little (b) few (c) much (d) enough
9. (a) changed (b) changes (c) changing (d) change
10. (a) think (b) thoughts (c) thinks (d) thought
11. (a) by (b) at (c) in (d) to
12. (a) consumption (b) consume (c) consuming (d) consumes
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. put in our rdaeisi
2. the holiday aclnader
3. a big ieuss
4. hasrtet to our environment
5. lcoal communities
6. a grass roots lelve

Paragraph 2

7. people in rich countries are aaewr
8. do enough to obcatm them
9. allgob warming
10. carbon inttforpo
11. seserppuowr such as China and India
12. reduce their reygne consumption
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. in A all put diaries we to our day need

2. the days holiday of important the One most of calendar

3. wasn’t back such then a The big environment issue

4. year each themes different on based events Organize

5. grass a from tackled are Problems level roots

6. countries aware people rich are Many in

7. enough do people few Too them combat to

8. forever lifestyle our changing start to day The

9. environment all power the could less help We use and

10. superpowers as and New such China India
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 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Environment 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 World Environment 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 World Environment Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Environment 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 World Environment Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

   Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.