WORLD POPULATION DAY

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ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.
World Population Day is observed annually on July 11. Its aim is to raise awareness of global population problems. The event started in 1989 in response to the world’s population reaching five billion two years earlier. The United Nations Development Programme created the day and has since set up campaigns to warn us of the dangers of overpopulation. These problems include water shortages, food shortages, increased pollution, poverty and wars over scarce resources. On World Population Day, the UN and governments around the world run educational campaigns in schools and local communities. It makes people aware of what we need to do so the world can survive with billions more people.

World Population Day focuses on sustainability and how to improve the lives of all people while protecting the Earth’s resources. Overpopulation refers to the point when the Earth does not have enough resources to feed everybody. Overpopulation can exist even in deserts where very few people live if there aren’t enough resources to sustain them. These resources include clean water, food, shelter, and clean air. There are many reasons why the Earth is becoming overpopulated today. Perhaps the biggest one is advances in medical science. Greater numbers of people have access to better health care and more cures have been found for killer diseases. We need to think more about how we use the Earth’s resources.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. Its aim is to
   a. we need to do

2. The event
   b. raise awareness

3. campaigns to warn us
   c. started in 1989

4. pollution, poverty and wars over
   d. billions more people

5. It makes people aware of what
   e. scare resources

6. the world can survive with
   f. of the dangers

Paragraph 2

1. World Population Day focuses
   a. have enough resources

2. the point when the Earth does not
   b. to better health care

3. there aren’t enough resources
   c. the Earth’s resources

4. advances in
   d. to sustain them

5. people have access
   e. on sustainability

6. how we use
   f. medical science
LISTENING GAP FILL

World Population Day is _____________________ July 11. Its aim is to raise awareness of global population problems. The event started in 1989 in response to the world’s population _____________________ years earlier. The United Nations Development Programme created the day and has since set up campaigns _____________________ dangers of overpopulation. These problems include water shortages, food shortages, increased pollution, poverty and wars _____________________. On World Population Day, the UN and governments around the world run educational campaigns in schools and local communities. It makes people aware of what ___________________ the world can survive with billions more people.

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There are many reasons why the Earth is becoming overpopulated today. Perhaps the biggest one is advances in medical science. Greater numbers of people have access to better health care and more cures have been found for killer diseases. We need to think more about how we use the Earth’s resources.
World Population Day is observing / observed annually on July 11. Its aim is to raise awareness of global / globally population problems. The event started in 1989 in response to the world’s population reaching five billion two years earlier / earliest. The United Nations Development Programme created the day and has since set in / up campaigns to warn us of the dangers of overpopulation. These problems include water shortages, food / feeding shortages, increased pollution, poverty and wars under / over scarce resources. On World Population Day, the UN and governments around the world run educational campaigns in schools and local communities. It makes people awareness / aware of what we need to do so the world can survive with billions more / many people.

World Population Day focuses on sustainability and how to improving / improve the lives of all people while protecting the Earth’s resources. Overpopulation refers to the pointing / point when the Earth does not have enough resources to feed / food everybody. Overpopulation can exist even in deserts where very few people live if there aren’t enough resources to sustain they / them. These resources include clean water, food, shelter, and clean air. There are many reasons why the Earth is becoming overpopulated yesterday / today. Perhaps the biggest one is advances in medical scientific / science. Greater numbers of people have access to better health care and more cares / cures have been found for killer diseases. We need to think more about how we use the Earth’s resources / resource.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Population Day is observed (1) _____ on July 11. Its aim is to raise awareness of global population problems. The event started in 1989 in response (2) _____ the world’s population reaching five billion two years earlier. The United Nations Development Programme created the day and has since set (3) ____ campaigns to warn us of the dangers of overpopulation. These problems include water shortages, food shortages, increased pollution, poverty and wars (4) ____ scare resources. On World Population Day, the UN and governments around the world (5) ____ educational campaigns in schools and local communities. It makes people aware of what we need to do so the world can (6) ____ with billions more people.

World Population Day focuses on sustainability and how to (7) ____ the lives of all people while protecting the Earth’s resources. Overpopulation refers to the point when the Earth does not have enough resources to (8) ____ everybody. Overpopulation can exist even in deserts where very few people live if there aren’t enough resources to sustain them. These resources (9) ____ clean water, food, shelter, and clean air. There are many reasons why the Earth is becoming overpopulated (10) ____. Perhaps the biggest one is advances in medical science. Greater numbers of people have access to better health care and more cures have been found for (11) ____ diseases. We need to think more about how we (12) ____ the Earth’s resources.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) annual (b) annually (c) year (d) years
2. (a) at (b) by (c) to (d) with
3. (a) up (b) in (c) upon (d) down
4. (a) under (b) to (c) across (d) over
5. (a) walk (b) stroll (c) run (d) pace
6. (a) survive (b) survival (c) surviving (d) survivor
7. (a) improvement (b) improve (c) improving (d) improves
8. (a) food (b) feeding (c) feed (d) feeds
9. (a) inclusive (b) included (c) including (d) include
10. (a) tomorrow (b) today (c) yesterday (d) soon
11. (a) death (b) murderer (c) dying (d) killer
12. (a) usage (b) use (c) using (d) users
SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. World Population Day is observed ylunalna
2. two years lerriae
3. set up gasipcman
4. water agsshoetr
5. in schools and local itiomnsumce
6. the world can vvriesu

Paragraph 2

7. mopveir the lives of all people
8. enough reueroscs to feed everybody
9. clean water, food, heelstr, and clean air
10. advances in medical cienecs
11. earqter numbers of people
12. rlliek diseases
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World Population Day focuses on sustainability and how to improve the lives of all people while protecting

to do so the world can survive with billions more people.

World Population Day is observed annually on July 11. Its aim is to raise awareness of global population
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. problems population global of awareness Raise

2. of us overpopulation of Campaigns the to dangers warn

3. problems shortages include These water

4. communities campaigns schools local Educational in and

5. need so can we do world What to the survive

6. improve to How people all of lives the

7. enough The does have resources Earth not

8. is overpopulated why Earth becoming Reasons the

9. have cures More diseases killer for found been

10. more the about Earth’s how resources we Think use
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 POPULATION DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Population 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 Population 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.