

EARTH DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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 | a. be held every year |
| 2. He introduced the idea of | b. cargo |
| 3. It was quickly adopted | c. movement |
| 4. Earth Day should | d. for our environment |
| 5. fragile | e. a global holiday |
| 6. the modern environmental | f. by the United Nations |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. observed in | a. for clean and green energy |
| 2. the United Nation's annual | b. billion people |
| 3. Earth Day has got countries | c. help our planet |
| 4. the urgent need | d. to act together |
| 5. an estimated | e. 175 countries |
| 6. the many ways people can | f. calendar |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Earth Day is an annual event _____ awareness of and appreciation for our environment. It was founded in 1969 _____ 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 _____ the United Nations. In 1971, then Secretary-General U Thant proclaimed that Earth Day should be held every year. He said: "_____ peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for our beautiful Spaceship Earth _____ and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo of animate life." It _____ the modern environmental movement.

Earth Day is now observed in 175 countries around the world. It is one _____ in the United Nation's annual calendar. Earth Day is coordinated by the non-profit Earth Day Network. They _____ half billion people every year celebrate it. Earth Day has got countries _____ help save our planet. The 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro was the _____ Earth Day campaign. Earth Day 2000 highlighted the urgent need for clean and green energy. Earth Day 2007 _____ estimated billion people participating in thousands of activities. The 2009 Disney movie 'Earth' raises awareness _____ people can help our planet on Earth Day.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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cheerful
adopted
called
movement
inspire
held
circle
founded

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

urgent
half
raises
calendar
earlier
observed
activities
act

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Earth Day is an annual event that *aims / aiming* to inspire awareness of and appreciation for our environment. It was *finding / founded* in 1969 by peace activist John McConnell. He introduced the idea of a global holiday *called / calling* "Earth Day" at a UN conference *in / on* the environment in 1969. The first Earth Day celebration was in 1970. It was quickly adopted *to / by* the United Nations. In 1971, then Secretary-General U Thant proclaimed that Earth Day should be held *every / all* 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 *their / its* warm and fragile cargo of animate life." It marked the *born / 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 / at* the United Nation's annual calendar. Earth Day is *coordinated / coordination* by the non-profit Earth Day Network. They say more than a half billion people every year celebrate *them / it*. Earth Day has got *country / countries* to act together to help save our planet. The 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro was the result *for / of* an earlier Earth Day campaign. Earth Day 2000 highlighted the urgent need for clean and green *energetic / energy*. Earth Day 2007 was huge, with an estimated billion people participating in thousands *of / by* activities. The 2009 Disney movie 'Earth' raises awareness of the many *way / ways* people can help our planet on Earth Day.

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.

Earth Day is now observed in 175 countries around the world. It is one of the largest events (7) _____ the United Nation's annual calendar. Earth Day is coordinated by the non-profit Earth Day Network. (8) _____ say more than a half billion people every year celebrate it. Earth Day has got countries to act together to help (9) _____ 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 (10) _____ clean and green energy. Earth Day 2007 was huge, with an estimated billion people participating (11) _____ thousands of activities. The 2009 Disney movie 'Earth' raises awareness of the (12) _____ ways people can help our planet on Earth Day.

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.

Paragraph 1

1. an nanalu event
2. peace siaittvc
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
8. the non-ioprft Earth Day Network
9. help save our ntaepl
10. the ngertu need for clean and green energy
11. an sadtmiete billion people
12. thousands of vieatstici

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () called "Earth Day" at a UN conference on the environment in 1969. The first Earth Day celebration was in
- () that Earth Day should be held every year. He said: "May there only be peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for
- () 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
- () of animate life." It marked the birth of the modern environmental movement.
- () huge, with an estimated billion people participating in thousands of activities. The 2009 Disney
- () environment. It was founded in 1969 by peace activist John McConnell. He introduced the idea of a global holiday
- (**1**) Earth Day is an annual event that aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for our
- () 1970. It was quickly adopted by the United Nations. In 1971, then Secretary-General U Thant proclaimed
- () our beautiful Spaceship Earth as it continues to spin and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo
- () campaign. Earth Day 2000 highlighted the urgent need for clean and green energy. Earth Day 2007 was
- () movie 'Earth' raises awareness of the many ways people can help our planet on Earth Day.
- () planet. The 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro was the result of an earlier Earth Day
- () Earth Day is now observed in 175 countries around the world. It is one of the largest events in the

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.

	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.

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 will happen on this day around the world.