

WORLD POPULATION DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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.

World Population Day focuses on sustainability _____ lives of all people while protecting the Earth's resources. Overpopulation _____ when the Earth does not have enough resources to feed everybody. Overpopulation can exist even in deserts where _____ 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 _____ 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 _____ Earth's resources.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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

resources
response
billions
shortages
raise
aware
run
set

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

enough
access
refers
killer
improve
shelter
advances
feed

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

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 cieneccs
11. eargter numbers of people
12. rlliek diseases

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in medical science. Greater numbers of people have access to better health care and more cures have been
- () resources to feed everybody. Overpopulation can exist even in deserts where very few people live if there aren't
- () of overpopulation. These problems include water shortages, food shortages, increased pollution, poverty and wars
- () enough resources to sustain them. These resources include clean water, food, shelter, and clean
- () found for killer diseases. We need to think more about how we use the Earth's resources.
- () campaigns in schools and local communities. It makes people aware of what we need
- () earlier. The United Nations Development Programme created the day and has since set up campaigns to warn us of the dangers
- () problems. The event started in 1989 in response to the world's population reaching five billion two years
- () the Earth's resources. Overpopulation refers to the point when the Earth does not have enough
- () air. There are many reasons why the earth is becoming overpopulated today. Perhaps the biggest one is advances
- () over scarce resources. On World Population Day, the UN and governments around the world run educational
- () 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.
- (**1**) 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. _____

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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 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.

	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 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 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.