

Let's save our planet



READING

18a **K** Read the text and match the examples 1-6 to the titles a-f.

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| a. ☐ Clean the environment | d. ☐ Clean air |
| b. ☐ Plant trees | e. ☐ Recycle |
| c. ☐ Protect animals | f. ☐ Do a school project |



Earth Day: a special day

The first Earth Day in the USA was on 22nd April 1970. Since then, every year on 22nd April there have been parades, fairs and exhibitions around the world and people have done positive things in order to protect the environment.

Here are some examples of what people do:

1. People destroy thousands of trees every year. On Earth Day there are tree planting events all over the world. If people don't plant new trees, the forests will become deserts and we will lose an important source of oxygen.
2. Rubbish and toxic chemicals pollute air, water and soil. People collect rubbish on the beaches as part of Earth Day. If people don't clean the environment, we will suffer from serious illnesses.
3. Plastic bags take from 6 months to 500 years to biodegrade. On Earth Day people are encouraged to recycle plastic. If people use cotton or paper bags, they will make a difference!
4. Thousands of animal species are in danger of extinction because men destroy their habitats. If people help organizations like the WWF, they will help animals in danger to survive.
5. Cars create air pollution. In many parts of the world, on Earth Day, people ride their bicycles to discourage the use of cars.
6. Students celebrate nature by having drawing, photography or poetry competitions at school. If students get involved in nature projects, they will really love their world.



People are interested in green movements in order to participate in finding a solution to urgent national and global problems about the environment. These movements are open to all the people who want to have a green economy and healthy population.

18b **ES** Answer the questions.

1. When was the first Earth Day?
2. Is Earth Day only an American event?
3. Why are people interested in green movements?
4. Is the protection of the environment only a problem for experts?

18c Complete the sentences.

1. If _____, there will be less oxygen in the air.
2. We will get seriously ill if _____.
3. People will change things if _____.
4. If people support WWF, _____.
5. If students do nature projects, _____.



LISTENING

19a **1.26** Listen to an interview with a girl who is actively involved in a project to protect the environment. Then choose the most appropriate title for the interview in a magazine.

TITLES

1. Kids in action
2. Costa Rica, an amazing natural world
3. Teenagers will change the world
4. From a brilliant idea to a successful organization
5. Living in the rainforest



19b **1.26** **K** Listen to the interview again. Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. Manuel Antonio is Janine's father.
2. Janine's project started when she was 9.
3. Janine spent her money in order to start the project.
4. Her organization is called "Kids saving the planet".
5. Janine thinks that our planet will disappear if the rainforest disappears.
6. The Wildlife Sanctuary will be a cemetery for animals.
7. As reforestation is too expensive, they have stopped it.
8. If they raise enough money, they will be able to help more animals.
9. They will soon publish their first book about environmental problems.
10. Making a money donation is a great way to help Janine's organization.

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SPOKEN INTERACTION

20 **K** Work in pairs. Ask and answer these questions.

- What is the most urgent problem for our environment?
- Do you and your family do anything to protect the environment?
- How can you save energy at home?
- How can you save water at home?
- Do you and your family usually walk or cycle or do you always use your motorcycles or cars?
- Do you leave plastic bottles or drink cans around?
- When you have some litter do you take it to the different collection points?
- What will happen if we don't protect our environment?



WRITING

21 With a schoolmate, put your answers in a logical order and write a short text about how much you know about the problems of our planet and what you can do to protect it.