

EARTH DAY

Scavenger Hunt



Earth Day is a day set aside to celebrate the plants, animals, oceans and landscapes that make our planet so special. It's also a day to support efforts to protect these natural resources. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22. This year's theme is Trees for the Earth. Learn more about Earth Day with this online Scavenger Hunt. For each question, click the link to explore the information on the page. Then, record your answers on the Earth Day Scavenger Hunt below.

1. How many trees does the organization in charge of Earth Day hope to plant (with the public's help) in the next five years? <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day/earth-day-theme/>

2. Rachel Carson was a marine biologist and conservationist credited with helping to advance the global environmental movement. What is the name of the book she wrote and published in 1962 that introduced environmental concerns to much of the American public?
<https://www.bing.com/search?q=rachel+carson>

3. Finish this quote by naturalist John Muir: "The clearest way into the universe is through a _____."
<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/topics/environment-health/quotations/quotations-on-nature/index.htm>

4. Soon after Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson founded the first Earth Day in 1970, the U.S. government created what environmental agency?
<http://www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/>

5. Can you name a strange and surprising ingredient that can be used to make paper? Take the Earth Day Quiz Whiz on this page to find the answer!
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/quizzes/earth-day-quiz-whiz/>

6. Climate change and global warming are having major effects on plant and animal life around the world. Name three things that are happening as a result of climate change.
<https://www3.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/scientists/clues.html>

7. It can take 80 to 100 years for aluminum to break down in a landfill. Instead, aluminum cans can be recycled into soda cans, pie plates, license plates, thumbtacks, aluminum foil and many other items. How long does it take plastic to break down? Take a guess first and then research the answer. <http://recyclingfacts.org/content/fun-recycling-facts>
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8. Worldwide, more than 4 billion people carry cell phones. Because people tend to replace their phones every 9 to 18 months, many broken and unwanted devices end up in landfills, where they can release toxins into the environment. What is the term used to describe these kinds of throwaway toxic electronics? <http://recyclingfacts.org/content/mobile-phone-recycling>
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9. How much carbon dioxide can a single tree absorb in its lifetime? <http://www.timeforkids.com/news/green-tips/87041>
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10. Earth Day reminds us that we all need to take care of our planet. What are two things that kids can do to help? <http://climatekids.nasa.gov/how-to-help/>
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