

Read the passage 3 times.

Name _____

Answer the questions on the next page. Underline your evidence.



Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event that is celebrated on April 22. It is a day to celebrate our planet and show support for protecting the environment. The first Earth Day was in the United States in 1970, and now almost 200 countries are involved in celebrating it! Around the world, people participate in events such as planting trees, cleaning up parks and beaches, or going to a festival and watching an educational film.

It's important to learn how to care for the environment, not only on Earth Day, but every day of the year. It is not just a job for adults - kids can help too! One easy way for you to help is to recycle. Paper, plastic, and cans are some things that can be recycled instead of put in the trash. Does your school have a system for recycling? What about at your house? Another way to take care of the earth is to conserve water. You can save water by turning off the faucet when you are brushing your teeth, and making sure there are no leaky faucets in the house. Saving energy, or electricity, is also important. Turn off lights, fans, and the T.V. when you are not using them. Since cars can pollute the air, riding your bike or walking to places that are close can help keep the air clean. If you are going a far distance, carpooling or taking the bus are good options.

Celebrating Earth Day helps us remember how special the earth is and how we can take care of it. Caring for the environment and using the earth's natural resources wisely can help ensure that people and animals will have a safe and healthy place to live in the future!

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Answer the questions below. Use crayons or colored pencils to underline your evidence in the passage.



What is Earth Day?



What is a way some people might celebrate Earth Day?



What does conserve mean?



What are two ways to save energy (electricity)?



If you live close to your school, what is a good way to get there each day without polluting the air?

Make an inference. What would happen if no one took care of the environment?



Circle words or phrases in the passage that gave you a clue.

Tell one thing you will do this week to take care of the earth. _____
