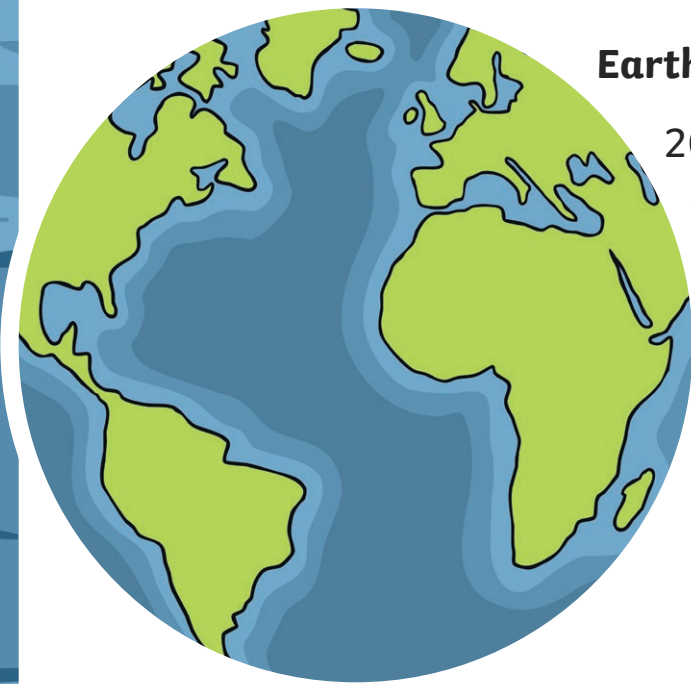


# Earth Day 2020

Earth Day takes place every year on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It is a day to remind people about how to look after the Earth. It also helps people to learn more about the environment.

## When Did Earth Day First Begin?

It first began in 1970 with 20 million Americans joining in events all over the country. They showed their support to help the environment. Since then, over 192 countries have held events to support the day.

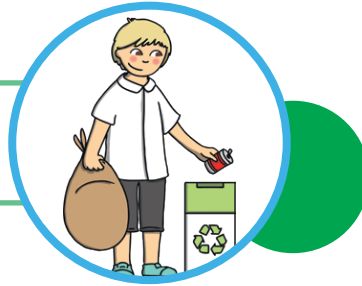


## Earth Day 2020

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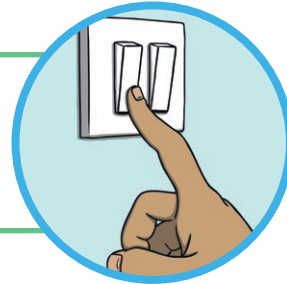
## What Can You Do to Help Stop Climate Change?

Recycle and reuse objects to help reduce waste.



Use our cars less by cycling and walking more often.

Use less electricity and switch off electrical items when you are not using them.



Plant a tree or grow your own fruit or vegetables.

Eat less meat and dairy. You could try to have one plant-based meal a week.



Use less water by having a shower instead of a bath.

# Questions

1. When is Earth day held? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- ☐ 28<sup>th</sup> May
- ☐ 23<sup>rd</sup> August

2. When did Earth day first begin? Tick **one**.

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- ☐ 1970
- ☐ 2020

3. How many countries are involved in Earth Day? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 184
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- ☐ 190

4. What is the theme for Earth Day in 2020? Tick **one**.

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- ☐ 'Helping the Environment'
- ☐ 'End Plastic Pollution'

5. What can you do to help stop climate change? Tick **two**.

- ☐ Use less electricity
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# Earth Day 2020

Earth Day is an event that takes place every year on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It is a time to remind people about how the Earth is affected by our actions. It also helps people to understand how to protect the environment.



## When Did Earth Day Begin?

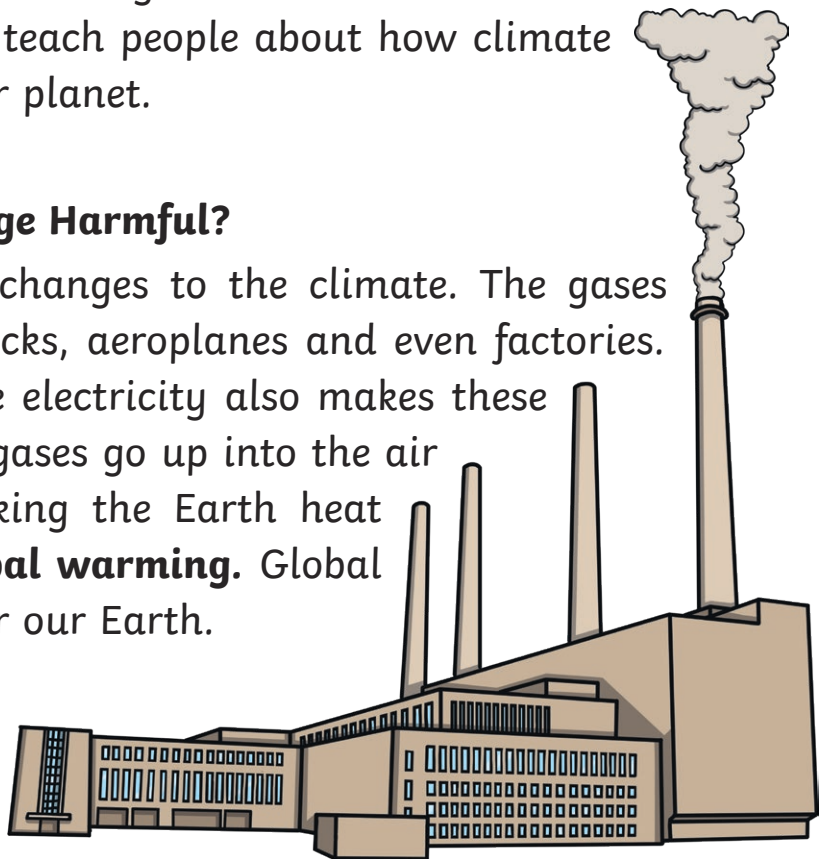
In 1970, an American man decided he wanted to change how pollution was affecting the world. On this day, 20 million Americans gathered across the country to mark the event. Since then, over 192 countries have started to show their support for the day.

## Earth Day 2020

2020 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day and the theme is 'Climate Action'. The aim is to teach people about how climate change is affecting our planet.

## Why Is Climate Change Harmful?

Harmful gases make changes to the climate. The gases are made by cars, trucks, aeroplanes and even factories. Burning fuels to make electricity also makes these gases. These harmful gases go up into the air and get trapped, making the Earth heat up. This is called **global warming**. Global warming isn't good for our Earth.



## What Can You Do to Help?

- Recycling and reusing objects to help reduce waste.
- Using our cars and vehicles less by cycling and walking more often.
- Using less electricity and switching off electrical items when you are not using them.
- Eating less meat and dairy. You could try to have one plant-based meal a week.
- Planting a tree or growing your own fruit or vegetables.
- Using less water by having a quick shower instead of a bath.



# Questions

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- ☐ 21<sup>st</sup> April
- ☐ 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- ☐ 22<sup>nd</sup> August

2. Draw lines to match the parts of the sentences.

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the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day.

3. What is the theme for Earth Day in 2020?

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Tick **two**.

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- ☐ aeroplanes

5. What can you switch off to help climate change?

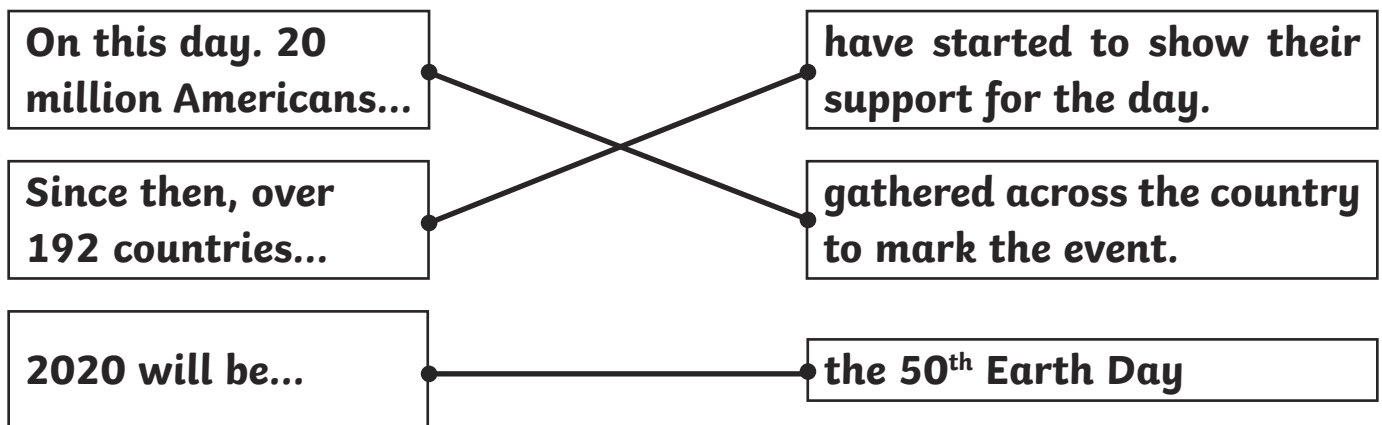
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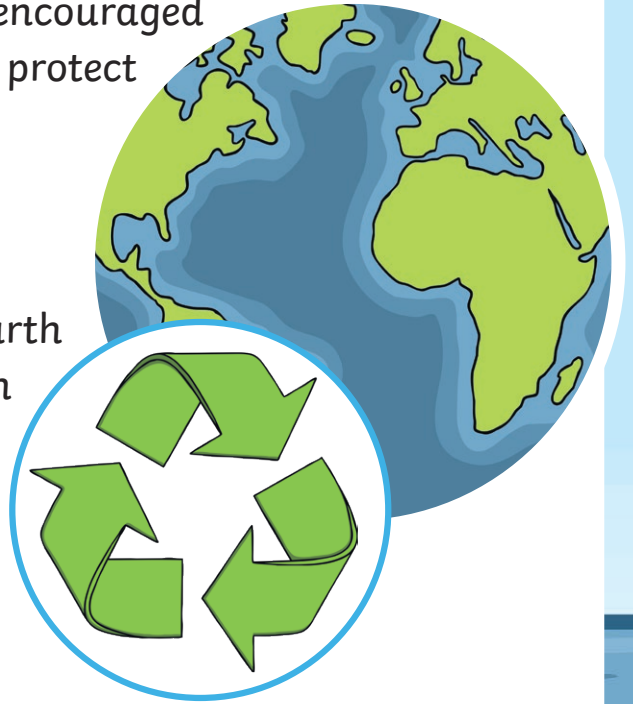
**Switching off electrical items can help climate change.**

# Earth Day 2020

Earth Day is an important worldwide event that happens every year on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. People are encouraged to support activities which help to protect the environment.

## When Did Earth Day Begin?

In 1970, Senator Nelson founded Earth Day after seeing oil spillages in California. He wanted to educate people about how pollution was affecting the environment.



## Earth Day 2020

This year people will be taking part in the 50<sup>th</sup> Earth Day and the theme will focus on 'Climate Action'. The mission is to educate people to understand how climate change is affecting our planet and help stop climate change in the future.

## Why Is Climate Change Harmful?

Our climate is changing as the number of people on the earth grows. This larger number of people causes more harmful gases to be made. These harmful gases make changes to the climate. The gases are made by cars, trucks, aeroplanes and even factories. Burning fuel to make electricity also produces these gases.

When these harmful gases go up into the air, they get trapped in the layer protecting the Earth from the Sun. When the Sun shines onto the Earth, the heat is kept in by the gases. This causes the Earth to heat up and this is called **global warming**. Global warming isn't good for our planet because it has many damaging effects.

### Did You Know?

- Cows also produce a harmful gas called methane which damages the atmosphere.



### What Can You Do to Help?



- Reduce, recycle and reuse as many objects as possible to help reduce waste.
- Use our cars less and find more environmentally friendly ways of travelling.
- Use less electricity by switching electrical items off when you are not using them.
- Eating less meat and dairy. You could try at least one plant-based meal a week.
- Helping to plant new trees can be great for the environment.
- Use less water by having a quick shower instead of a bath each day.



# Questions

1. When does Earth Day take place each year? Tick **one**.

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- ☐ 22<sup>nd</sup> August

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\_\_\_\_\_ **the** \_\_\_\_\_.

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- ☐ cars
- ☐ trucks
- ☐ shops
- ☐ factories

5. What is the name given to the heating up of the Earth through climate change?

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6. Name two things you could do to help stop climate change?

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**The heating up of the Earth is called Global Warming.**

6. Name two things you could do to help stop climate change?

**Accept any sensible answer with two points linked to the text, such as: 'To help stop climate change I could try to walk to school more often and switch off my computer when I am not using it.'**