

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need to put in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days of the holiday calendar. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn't such a big issue back then. It is one of the hottest topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the threats to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based on different themes each year. These events encourage both governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are tackled from a grass roots level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are aware of today's environmental issues. Even though many of the world's citizens know the issues, too few people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce our carbon footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use less power and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the dangers to the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to reduce their energy consumption too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated every year.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a day we all need to put | a. the holiday calendar |
| 2. one of the most important days of | b. each year |
| 3. The environment wasn't | c. in our diaries |
| 4. one of the hottest | d. such a big issue |
| 5. events based on different themes | e. roots level |
| 6. tackled from a grass | f. topics |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. too few people | a. all use less power |
| 2. start changing our lifestyle | b. consumption |
| 3. reduce our carbon | c. forever |
| 4. With a little thought, we could | d. superpowers such as China |
| 5. The governments of new | e. footprint |
| 6. reduce their energy | f. do enough |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Environment Day (WED) is a day _____ in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days _____. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment _____ issue back then. It is one of the hottest topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide _____ threats to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events _____ themes each year. These events encourage both governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are tackled _____ level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are _____ environmental issues. Even though many of the world's citizens know the issues, _____ enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce _____. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use _____ the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the dangers to the environment. The governments of _____ as China and India need to reduce their _____ too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated every year.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need to _____ in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days of the holiday _____. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn't such a big _____ back then. It is one of the _____ topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the _____ to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based on different _____ each year. These events encourage both governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are _____ from a grass roots _____ and at a presidential level.

issue
threats
tackled
calendar
put
level
hottest
themes

Many people in rich countries are _____ of today's environmental issues. Even though many of the world's citizens know the _____, too few people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is _____ warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce our _____ footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use less _____ and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the _____ to the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to _____ their energy consumption too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more _____ every year.

power
global
dangers
aware
celebrated
reduce
issues
carbon

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all *need / necessary* to put in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most *importance / important* days of the holiday calendar. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn't *so / such* a big issue back then. It is one of the hottest *topics / topic* in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the threats to our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based *off / on* different themes each year. These events encourage both governments and *local / locally* communities to work together. This *insures / ensures* environmental problems are tackled from a grass *branches / roots* level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are *awareness / aware* of today's environmental issues. Even *though / through* many of the world's citizens know the issues, *too / two* few people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most *serious / seriously* issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce our carbon *handprint / footprint*. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use less power and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware *for / of* the dangers to the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to reduce their *energetically / energy* consumption too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more *celebrated / celebration* every year.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need to put (1) _____ our diaries. It happens on June 5 every year and should be one of the most important days (2) _____ the holiday calendar. WED was created in 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn't such a big issue back (3) _____. It is one of the hottest topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the threats (4) _____ our environment. Many environmental agencies organize events based on different themes each year. These events encourage (5) _____ governments and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are tackled from a grass (6) _____ level and at a presidential level.

Many people in rich countries are aware of (7) _____ environmental issues. Even though many of the world's citizens know the issues, too (8) _____ people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is global warming. WED could be the day to start (9) _____ our lifestyle forever to reduce our carbon footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little (10) _____, we could all use less power and help the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the dangers (11) _____ the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to reduce their energy (12) _____ too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated every year.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) to | (c) at | (d) in |
| 2. | (a) of | (b) to | (c) by | (d) with |
| 3. | (a) there | (b) then | (c) that | (d) before |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) to | (d) so |
| 5. | (a) pair | (b) duo | (c) both | (d) two |
| 6. | (a) twigs | (b) roots | (c) trunks | (d) branches |
| 7. | (a) today's | (b) today | (c) two days | (d) two days' |
| 8. | (a) little | (b) few | (c) much | (d) enough |
| 9. | (a) changed | (b) changes | (c) changing | (d) change |
| 10. | (a) think | (b) thoughts | (c) thinks | (d) thought |
| 11. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) in | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) consumption | (b) consume | (c) consuming | (d) consumes |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. put in our rdaeisi
2. the holiday aclnader
3. a big ieuss
4. hasrtet to our environment
5. lcoal communities
6. a grass roots lelve

Paragraph 2

7. people in rich countries are aaewr
8. do enough to obcatm them
9. allgob warming
10. carbon inttforpo
11. seserppuowr such as China and India
12. reduce their reygne consumption

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () footprint. Most of us use far too much energy. With a little thought, we could all use less power and help
- () Many people in rich countries are aware of today's environmental issues. Even though many of the world's
- () from a grass roots level and at a presidential level.
- () agencies organize events based on different themes each year. These events encourage both governments
- () to the environment. The governments of new superpowers such as China and India need to reduce their
- () energy consumption too. Hopefully, World Environment Day will become more celebrated every year.
- () topics in the world today. WED helps raise worldwide awareness of the threats to our environment. Many environmental
- () warming. WED could be the day to start changing our lifestyle forever to reduce our carbon
- () the environment. WED also needs to make people in poorer countries aware of the dangers
- (**1**) World Environment Day (WED) is a day we all need to put in our diaries. It happens on June 5 every
- () citizens know the issues, too few people do enough to combat them. Perhaps the most serious issue is global
- () year and should be one of the most important days of the holiday calendar. WED was created in
- () and local communities to work together. This ensures environmental problems are tackled
- () 1972 by the United Nations General Assembly. The environment wasn't such a big issue back then. It is one of the hottest

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. in A all put diaries we to our day need

2. the days holiday of important the One most of calendar

3. wasn't back such then a The big environment issue

4. year each themes different on based events Organize

5. grass a from tackled are Problems level roots

6. countries aware people rich are Many in

7. enough do people few Too them combat to

8. forever lifestyle our changing start to day The

9. environment all power the could less help We use and

10. superpowers as and New such China India

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 ENVIRONMENT DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Environment 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 Environment Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Environment 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 Environment 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.