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Reading Worksheet-Basic Level

Student Name: _____ **English Level:** Beginners

Date: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Teacher:** Miss Lopez

5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD LOVE EARTH

1 THE PLANET IS ONE BIG PARTY.	2 EARTH HAS A SUPERPOWER—IT SPORTS AN INVISIBLE SHIELD.	3 THIS PLANET IS INTO RECYCLING.
Earth is the only planet in our galaxy that can support life. Scientists estimate that Earth is home to about 300,000 plant species, over 600,000 species of fungi, and about ten million animal species. Guess you could say we're the life of the party.	Earth is surrounded by a cloud of gas called the plasmasphere. This cloud interacts with rings of particles that also surround the planet to create an invisible shield. The "armor" deflects superfast electrons that zip through space and could harm Earth if they were able to enter the atmosphere.	The ground you walk on is recycled. It starts off as sizzling-hot magma deep within the planet's core. This is pushed up to the surface, where it cools and becomes hard rock. Winds erode the rock, shaving off tiny fragments that get buried back into the earth, where they're reheated into magma. Then the cycle starts again. Good to know Earth is so green.

4 EARTH IS IN THE PERFECT POSITION.	5 OUR PLANET IS A MYSTERY.
Earth spins around a tilted axis, or an imaginary line that runs through the planet from the South Pole to the North Pole. If the planet were angled any differently, or if Earth were even just a little closer to or farther from the sun, temperatures would shift drastically. And that would make life here impossible.	About 95 percent of the Earth's oceans (which make up more than 70 percent of the planet) remain unexplored. Scientists estimate almost a million undiscovered species could live in these unseen seas. Some lands, like parts of the rain forests in New Guinea, are also uncharted. This means that many things on Earth have yet to be discovered.

Reading Comprehension Section

A) True or False

Instructions: Read the statements and write **(T)** if you think it is **TRUE**. Write **(F)** if you think it is **FALSE**.

- Three planets in our galaxy can support life.....( )
- The ground we walk on is not recycled.....( )
- Earth spins around a tilted axis, or an imaginary line. .....( )
- About 70 percent of Earth´s ocean is unexplored.....( )
- Earth is surrounded by a cloud of gas called plasmasphere. .....( )

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B) Vocabulary Comprehension

Instructions: Read the definitions and fill out the blanks with the correct vocabulary word.

Recycle	Planet	Rock	Gas	Galaxy

- A celestial body moving in an elliptical orbit around a star. _____
- A substance or matter in a state in which it will expand freely to fill the whole of a container, having no fixed shape and no fixed volume. _____
- Convert waste into reusable material. _____
- A system of millions or billions of stars, together with gas and dust, held together by gravitational attraction. _____
- The solid material forming part of the surface of the Earth, exposed on the surface or underlying the soil. _____

C) Questions

Instructions: Answer the questions according to the information you have read before.

- For whom is planet Earth home?

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- What is the function of plasmasphere?

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- What is the process of formation of Earth ground?

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- Why Earth position is perfect for life in this planet?

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- What is your opinion about the unexplored areas in Earth?

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