

SESSION N°05
READING ABOUT EARTH DAY



What is Earth Day?

Every year on 22 April in the city of Toronto and all over Canada people celebrate Earth Day. Different activities take place on that day and during the week that follows. It's a time to celebrate the environment, learn about the city's problems and do something to help. More than six million Canadians take part in Earth Day and more and more people are joining us every year. What about you?

What can you do?

- **Organise a clean-up day.** Get together with friends or other people and clean up an area in the city. Collect litter from the streets, parks, etc. Don't forget to put bottles, paper and cans into recycling bins.
- **Plant trees.** We're planning to plant more than 1,000 trees in Downsview Park. Come and help make the park **greener than** last year. Everyone is welcome.
- **Go on nature walks.** Enjoy a walk with your family and learn all about nature.
- **Make something.** Build a birdhouse, for example. It isn't **as difficult as** you may think.

Read again and choose the correct option (Literal Questions)

1. **When do Canadians celebrate Earth Day?**
 - a) On 31 October
 - b) On 22 April
 - c) On 1 May
2. **How many Canadians take part in Earth Day?**
 - a) About one million
 - b) Less than one hundred thousand
 - c) More than six million
3. **What do groups of people do on clean-up day?**
 - a) They clean up areas of the city and collect litter

- b) They only plant trees
- c) They go shopping
- 4. **Where are they planning to plant 1,000 trees?**
 - a) In mountains
 - b) In the schoolyard
 - c) In the Downsview Park
- 5. **Can children take part in Earth Day?**
 - a) Yes, everyone is welcome
 - b) No, only adults can
 - c) Only students can
- 6. **What can people build?**
 - a) A new park
 - b) A birdhouse
 - c) A cinema

Read the sentences and write T or F (Inferential Questions)

1. Earth Day is only celebrated in Toronto. (____)
2. Recycling is an important part of Earth Day activities. (____)
3. Nature walks help people learn more about the environment. (____)
4. The main goal of Earth Day is to have fun without thinking about the environment. (____)
5. People can work together to make their city a cleaner and greener place. (____)

Grammar

Comparisons:
(not) as + adjective + as

▶ Ted is **taller than** Maria.

▶ Ted is **as tall as** Julie.

▶ Maria **isn't as tall as** Ted.



Marla
Ted
Julie

Read and complete the sentences with the words in box.

1. Plant trees and help to make _____ the park.
2. Ten years ago, my city was _____ **than** it is today.
3. Recycling is _____ **than** throwing rubbish away.
4. The air in the countryside is _____ **than** the air in the city.
5. Toronto has _____ **parks than** other Canadian cities.
6. Using plastic bags is **not as** _____ **as** using cloth bags
7. Planting trees is **as** _____ **as** recycling bottles.

eco-friendly

important

greener

cleaner

more effective

fresher

more