

Protecting our environment

Conversation Activity – Earth day

Teacher: _____

Date: ____/____/____

1. Look at these pictures. Then discuss the questions below.



- Do you have these environmental problems where you live?
- What can be done to prevent it? (Talk about each)
- What other environmental problems do you have?

2. How concerned are you about the environment?

Answer the questions and then interview a partner.

Do you...?

Number each item from 0 to 4. 0=never 4=always

	YOU	YOUR PARTNER
...recycle paper, glass, cans and plastic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...reuse products such as plastics bags and paper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...repair items instead of throwing them away	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...avoid buying over-packaged products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...pick up other people's litter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...use public transportation for long distances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...walk or use a bike for short distances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...turn off the lights when you leave a room	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...use low-energy lightbulbs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...turn the air conditioning down in the summer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...avoid using more water than you need	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...close the tap when brushing your teeth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Total: _____

3. Discuss these questions:

- Which things in the questionnaire help the environment the most? Why?
- What other things can you do to help the environment?
- How can you help the environment at school/work?



4. Group work.

Can you think of other environmental problems in your city?

eg: Air Pollution is a big problem in Brasilia. There are too many cars on the streets.

What solutions can you suggest?

eg: For short distances, people could use bikes/skates.

Think of: Air - Garbage - Water - Energy etc.

Environmental problems in Atlanta	Solutions we suggest:

5. Individual task. Think of three bad habits you need to eliminate in order to contribute with the environment. Write them here.

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6. Speaking Topic. Share your habits and discuss ideas with a partner to help you solve them.



36-48	You're so concerned about the environment, it's unbelievable! Are there even more things you do to protect the environment?
24-35	You're very environmentally aware. You care about and respect the world around you.
12-23	You do some things to protect the environment, but there's always room for improvement.
0-11	You're not concerned about the environment at all. Be aware of the things you can do. Everything you do will help.