READING: SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT



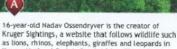
19-year-oid Alex Loorz is the founder of Kids vs Global Warning and the organiser of the lifetim Rarch. In 2011, he took the US to court for not doing enough to protect the atmosphere for future generations. According to Alex, when we began burning fossif fuels list century, we clidn't knew the terrible consequences. Now, however, we do, so there is no occuse for continuing the destruction. He believes that future generations have a right to inherit a clean planet and that the government has a responsibility to protect that future in our children, and to recogne that the future matters. If you agree with Alex, you can join an Matter march and let the government know what you think.

www.imatteryouth.org

In 2010, the US produced 2.4 million tons of e-waste, with a huge amount of that being mobile phones. Jason Lin, a 15-year-old high school student, learnt about this problem at school and set up a business to reduce e-waste by keeping old gadgets out of landfills. He and his friends run an e-waste recycling business from their website iRe Tron.com. People sell their old gadgets to Lin; he and his team then fix them and resell them online. Although there are good e-cyclers like Lin, some just ship the waste to other countries. There, it becomes an environmental and health risk, creating deadly conditions wherever it is dumped. With IReTron, consumers make money on their gadget, iReTron makes a profit and electronics don't end up in a landfill.

Teens Saving the Environment!

Read about these amazing teenagers and their incredible ideas.



Kruger National Park in South Africa. The website started as a blog where Nadav wrote about the best places to see the animals. Nadav now collects best places to see the animats. Nadav now collects information provided by visitors to Kruger National Park, who use their mobile phones to send updates to Kruger Sightings when they see one of the park's many animals. This lets other visitors find the animals nore easily. The site also does its best to protect rhinos from people who want to kill them for their valuable horns, which is a growing problem at the park. It provides visitors with contact numbers to report such incidents. www.latestsightings.com



Plastic is useful because it is strong and it lasts a long time. Unfortunately, those qualities also make plastic a disaster for l environment because it takes 1,000 years this man-made material to break down. Y 500 billion plastic bags being made every year and the Great Pacific Garbage Patch growing bigger by the day, we clearly need way to make the plastic break down fissel 2009, that's exactly what 16-year-old stull Daniel Burd did. He identified two types of bacteria that work together to decompor plastic. He experimented with the bacter different temperatures and managed to down 43 per cent of the plastic in only \$1

an area estimated to be twice the size of lief the cosan, full of plastic

Read the texts again to find the following information.

Which paragraph

mentions using the Internet to keep the planet cleaner?	1
talks about mistakes made in the past?	2
describes a place where nature can be appreciated?	3
mentions a project that makes money?	4
explains where some household rubbish ends up?	5
describes an animal that is in danger?	6
suggests a way to express your view about something?	7
explains an important discovery?	8
mentions using lawyers to solve a problem?	9
describes how to reuse useful rubbish?	10

Complete each sentence with two of these words.

	fossil fuels	incidents	landfill	march	waste	wildlife	
1	Last Sunday, thousands of people attended the to protest about whaling. They were peaceful						
	and the police						
2	Burning such as coal and oil to produce energy causes air pollution. This in turn causes climate change, which is harmful to humans and						
3	Understandak government's one wants hu	plans to cr	eate a	very con		bout the in the area. No their doorstep!	