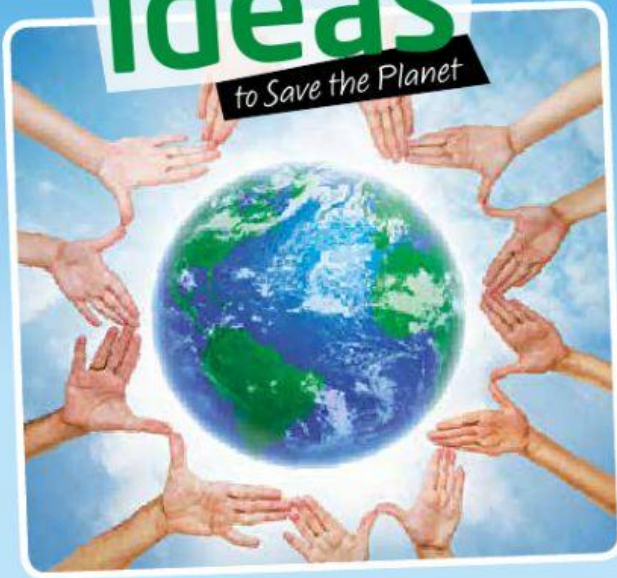


2 Save the Planet

Reading

Six Easy Ideas to Save the Planet



The Earth needs your help. It's warming up, the Arctic is melting, the rainforests are getting much smaller, and a large number of habitats are disappearing. Yet there are lots of simple, fun things you can do to save the environment!

1 Each year we throw away millions of mobile phones. When the time comes to say goodbye to your old phone why not recycle it? Recycling an old phone produces much less CO₂ than making a new one, and you can even use it to raise a lot of money for charity.

1 Discuss.

- What do you do to help protect the planet?
- Look at the title and picture. What do you think you're going to read about?

2 Read the text and check your predictions from Activity 1.

3 In your notebook, match each picture below to one of the six ideas from the text.



2 Human activity and pollution threaten wildlife. So, why not help protect endangered species in your country by volunteering for a local nature reserve? Or you could organise an event to raise some money for local environmental charities.

3 Choose a place where a tree can grow big and tall. Then sow a tree seed and watch it grow. There are many different native species you can plant. Your grandchildren will thank you!

4 Cycling is a lot healthier, cheaper, and more environmentally friendly than taking a bus. So ride your bike, get fit, and reduce your carbon footprint.

5 You use a plastic bag for a few minutes, but it can take up to 500 years to decompose! Producing plastic bags also contributes to global warming, and they often end up as litter that can harm wildlife. So take your own bag when you go shopping or use biodegradable ones!

6 Some things can be bought second-hand. Things that have a short usage period like books, clothes, or shoes can be sold in fantastic condition and at a low price. This saves you money and helps reduce packaging materials.

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4  Compare the six ideas from the text.

- Which is the most interesting?
- Which one do you not agree with? Why?

5 In your notebook, write about other green ideas you could do.

- e.g. - I think we should use reusable bottles!
- I agree, but I think going vegetarian helps the planet too.

Checkpoint

6 Make a poster about a green idea.

- Choose your favourite green idea from the text.
- Design your poster. Look at the pictures to get some ideas.
- Make sure the message is clear and simple.

