

## Vocabulary

### A. Circle the correct words.

- You should **preview** / **pre-teach** the relevant vocabulary before asking the students to do the activity.
- Thanks for putting in a good **word** / **saying** for me with Mr Wilson.
- You shouldn't give **out** / **up** so easily. Why don't you try again?
- Stop tapping your fingers on the table. It's **deafening** / **distracting**.
- The company is putting the **blame** / **fault** on Rory for the accident.
- We need to ask the teacher to **minimise** / **extend** our deadline for the project because we still have a lot of work to do.

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### B. Choose a, b, c or d.

- I met people from the four \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth at the International Book Fair.  
a. points                      c. edges  
b. faces                      d. corners
- The President is holding a \_\_\_\_\_ conference tomorrow morning about climate change.  
a. journalist                  c. media  
b. press                      d. television
- After an hour of trying to persuade Robert to lend me his car, he finally gave \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. in                              c. out  
b. off                            d. away
- James Ryan is in his last month of training to become a space \_\_\_\_\_ pilot.  
a. panel                        c. satellite  
b. shuttle                      d. utensil
- The company is taking every reasonable \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid further gas leaks.  
a. formation                  c. prevention  
b. sensation                  d. precaution
- My daughter's teacher is very motivated. She's always trying to put new teaching theories into \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. pressure                    c. practice  
b. mind                        d. word
- We should all make an effort to reduce our carbon \_\_\_\_\_ by using public transportation.  
a. waste                        c. erosion  
b. footprint                    d. spill
- Being a firefighter is definitely a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ occupation. Just imagine the dangers they put themselves in.  
a. impractical                  c. irritating  
b. conflicting                  d. hazardous

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### C. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

migraine	post-match	shoreline	pose	shortage	dispose
	insufficient	ban	endanger	preseason	

- We are investigating the sudden appearance of hundreds of dead fish washed up on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Where can we safely \_\_\_\_\_ of waste from the manufacturing process?
- The coach had a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ talk with his players about their performance.
- I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ a question to Mr Jacobs regarding the threat to wildlife.
- Please shut the curtain. My \_\_\_\_\_ seems to be getting worse.
- There is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of nurses and doctors in the hospital at the moment.
- If they continue to destroy the rainforest, they will \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of many species of plants and animals.
- The coach explained to his players that they must do their best even during the \_\_\_\_\_ games.
- Many people believe that there should be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ on cigarette advertising.
- The information we have gathered is \_\_\_\_\_, so we can't come to any definite conclusion.

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## D. Complete with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- You must wear a \_\_\_\_\_ mask before entering the building. **PROTECT**
- The \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the earthquake is indescribable. **DESTROY**
- The lake is filled with industrial \_\_\_\_\_. **POLLUTE**
- Unfortunately, the mountain gorilla is in danger of \_\_\_\_\_. **EXTINCT**
- They are meeting with \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss how to reduce the threat to local wildlife. **CONSERVE**

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## Grammar

## A. Choose a, b, c or d.

- An electric car produces \_\_\_\_\_ noise than a car that runs on petrol.  
a. the least                      c. the less  
b. far less                      d. as little
- It was \_\_\_\_\_ a crowded café that we decided not to sit and have coffee there.  
a. so                      c. very  
b. too                      d. such
- Take a bag with you to the supermarket so \_\_\_\_\_ have to use more plastic bags.  
a. in order not to                      c. you not  
b. that not                      d. that you won't
- The guide told us to bring umbrellas \_\_\_\_\_ it rained.  
a. in case                      c. in order  
b. for that                      d. so that
- \_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather forecast, they decided to walk to the event.  
a. Despite the fact                      c. Even though  
b. In spite of                      d. Although
- I think solar power is \_\_\_\_\_ energy solution for Mediterranean countries.  
a. much better                      c. of the best  
b. the better                      d. the best
- I've just bought a bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ stop using my car to go to work.  
a. in order                      c. so as to  
b. for                      d. so that
- Energy-saving light bulbs are \_\_\_\_\_ more expensive, but they save money in the long run.  
a. further                      c. little  
b. so                      d. slightly
- \_\_\_\_\_ many people are now getting involved in the protection of the environment, a lot of work is still required.  
a. Although                      c. In spite of  
b. Despite                      d. Even
- More \_\_\_\_\_ people are in favour of switching to renewable energy.  
a. and less                      c. and more  
b. the better                      d. the more

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## B. Circle the correct options.



## FRACKING PROTESTS

There has been great local opposition to the introduction of *fracking*, the process of using a specific type of liquid at high pressure to shatter rocks. Oil and gas companies are using this procedure **1 to / so that** increase the amount of oil or gas they can get out of a well.

Why the protest? Chemical additives are added to the water for various reasons, such as preventing the pipes from being damaged by water. One of the **2 far more / most** dangerous chemicals is *hydrochloric acid*, used **3 for / to** breaking down rock material and forming cracks. Oil and gas

companies are not as informative about the risks of fracking **4 than / as** they should be. Local residents have complained about polluted drinking water, saying that the quality of the water is not **5 the same / like** as the water they used to drink. One resident, Elaine Simons, is protesting that the water is **6 so / as** polluted that it is a serious health hazard. She states that the elder of her two children had to go to hospital after drinking water polluted by fracking chemicals and that **7 although / in case** he is getting better, his symptoms are alarming.

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## Use of English

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- They bought a car despite their financial difficulties. **even**  
They bought a car \_\_\_\_\_ financial difficulties.
- The teacher distributed notes so that she could help the students follow the class. **order**  
The teacher gave \_\_\_\_\_ help the students follow the class.
- My brother is a worse driver than me. **as**  
I don't \_\_\_\_\_ my brother.
- Robert had a terrible headache, but he went to the meeting anyway. **spite**  
Robert went to the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible headache.
- I've never seen a more boring documentary in my life. **least**  
This is \_\_\_\_\_ documentary I've ever seen.

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## Listening

You will hear part of an interview with a conservationist called Anna Charms. Listen and answer questions 1-7. Choose the best answer a, b or c.

- What gave Anna her first opportunity to see tigers?
  - the fact that she lived close to a park with tigers
  - a day out with relatives
  - her university studies
- What does Anna give as the lower estimate for the number of tigers left in the wild?
  - 3,000
  - 3,200
  - 6,000
- In what way does Anna say that tigers are particularly important to the ecosystem?
  - They are unique.
  - Their eating habits maintain the ecosystem's balance.
  - Their presence in the jungle controls the population numbers of their predators.
- Why do wildlife corridors help the tiger species remain strong?
  - Their ability to travel makes them fit.
  - They are able to find a greater variety of food.
  - Tigers that reproduce with ones from different areas produce stronger young.
- What does Anna say the aim of conservation is?
  - not allowing any animals to die
  - preserving the ecosystem
  - doubling the population of tigers
- What does Anna say contributes to tigers staying away from villages?
  - the villagers' threatening behaviour
  - food left around tiger habitats by the organisation
  - special lights
- What are locals' attitudes to the conservation project?
  - They were enthusiastic from the beginning.
  - They aren't always very cooperative.
  - They cooperate after education and support.

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**Reading**

Read the texts and answer the questions.

**A SPRINGFIELD EARTH DAY**

April 22 is Earth Day, a celebration of what our planet offers us and a chance to give something back. After all, it has become widely accepted that the amazing resources our planet offers us are not unlimited and that we have to take action to conserve our ecosystems and prevent the destruction of the environment.

Here in Springfield, residents of all ages will be joining in the global event and will 'go green'. Green Park is one of Earth Day's main venues, hosting practical conservation events. Everyone will have the chance to get involved in tree planting and composting, but that's not all. Springfield Earth Day promises entertainment and games for the whole family. There is no admission charge, but if you wish to make a donation, please contact us at [earthday@springfieldtown.com](mailto:earthday@springfieldtown.com)

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From: [ecosmile@gmail.com](mailto:ecosmile@gmail.com)  
Sent: March 25 – 11:40 a.m.  
To: Rudi Mane <[rudimane@gmail.com](mailto:rudimane@gmail.com)>  
Subject: Re: Questions about Earth Day

Dear Mr Mane,

Thank you for your enquiry about organising a workshop at the Earth Day Celebration. We absolutely agree with your opinion that birds play a significant role in keeping the balance of the ecosystem and should be honoured on this day. Therefore, we are very interested in your proposal 'How to build a bird feeder from a plastic bottle' and are considering Spring Valley Park as a suitable venue.

We would appreciate it if you could send us a short CV telling us your experience with public events and an outline of your plan. This is so we can put our minds at ease that we are offering events which are enjoyable, informative and safe.

Springfield Recycling Plant has offered to provide the plastic bottles for the workshop. Will you be providing any other needed equipment? Could you also inform us about the number of people you are planning on working with in each group?

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Vine

Earth Day Organiser and member of the Springfield Town Council

**C****Fay Rogers**

My grandmother always spent a lot of time in the garden. So, as a child I assumed that gardening was something the elderly did to pass their time. That was up until I got married and moved to Springfield with my husband. We bought a house with a nice back garden. Not knowing how to look after it properly, it soon turned into a bunch of dried up plants and trees. Luckily, I decided to take part in some of the Earth Day Celebration workshops here in Springfield. I was expecting to get a few gardening tips, but to be honest I got more than that! The compost workshop was the best. Some people complained that it covered too much ground, but not I. I learned to make my own compost and how to use it properly and before I knew it my garden thrived. As you can understand, I am very much looking forward to this year's Earth Day workshops!