

Decode Earth Day

On April 22, people around the world will celebrate Earth Day. That's a day to take action to protect the environment. What is the theme of this year's celebration?

To find out, crack the code below. First, use books or the Internet to answer each question. Then write the matching letter on each numbered line.

1. In what year did the first Earth Day take place?
 (A) 1960 (P)
 (B) 1965 (W)
 (C) 1970 (T)
2. Which president set up the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency?
 (A) Richard M. Nixon (A)
 (B) Gerald Ford (O)
 (C) Lyndon B. Johnson (V)
3. Which is not a greenhouse gas?
 (A) carbon dioxide (F)
 (B) oxygen (O)
 (C) methane (Y)
4. What is the slow rise in Earth's temperature called?
 (A) global warming (B)
 (B) hydropower (T)
 (C) deforestation (M)
5. Who came up with the idea for Earth Day?
 (A) Denis Hayes (G)
 (B) Gaylord Nelson (L)
 (C) Anne Burford (C)
6. About how many people worldwide do not have access to clean water?
 (A) 1,000 (M)
 (B) 1 million (P)
 (C) 1 billion (R)
7. Which actions are known as the three R's?
 (A) react, reuse, recycle (H)
 (B) reuse, recycle, react (I)
 (C) reduce, reuse, recycle (G)
8. What is another word for *conserve*?
 (A) save (F)
 (B) use (B)
 (C) power (R)
9. About how many people celebrated the first Earth Day?
 (A) 5 million (A)
 (B) 10 million (I)
 (C) 20 million (E)
10. What are three sources of renewable energy that do not pollute the environment?
 (A) water, wind, and sunlight (S)
 (B) wind, oil, and sunlight (J)
 (C) water, wind, and oil (D)
11. Which should not be added to a compost pile?
 (A) leaves (D)
 (B) meat scraps (C)
 (C) eggshells (K)
12. Which is not a fossil fuel?
 (A) carbon dioxide (I)
 (B) oil (E)
 (C) coal (A)
13. Which of these animals is endangered?
 (A) red deer (D)
 (B) Bengal tiger (N)
 (C) goldfish (S)

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