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A TIMELY WARNING

Warm Up

1. Why do we refer to Earth as "Mother Earth"?
2. Explain why you think this is so.

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Mother Earth needs you help—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Let us now read the poem.

Mother Earth Calling

Dear children, this is Mother Earth calling,
To give you all a timely warning!
Forests, animals, land, water and air,
Use my gifts with love and care.

Don't waste water, for there is now less,
Human actions made this mess.
Rivers polluted and lakes all filled,
Groundwater depleted; no fields can be tilled.

So don't waste food, for less
is being grown,
Land used for factories,
cities, shops and homes,
Don't waste paper for that
destroys trees,
Trees are your lifeline, so
save them please!

My gifts are enough for
everyone's need,
But there isn't enough for
human greed.
Use for sure, please don't
misuse and abuse,
You can be more careful, if
you so choose.

In Singapore, we use
different recycle bins to
help keep our city clean
and green! The blue recycling bin is for clean and dry items like



paper, plastic bottles, metal cans, and glass jars. The yellow food waste bin (found in some places) is for leftover food that can be turned into compost or energy. The e-waste bins in malls or community centers are for old phones, batteries, and cables — these have special materials that can be reused.

The general waste bin (usually black or green) is for things that cannot be recycled, like dirty tissue or food-stained packaging. By using the right bin, we all help to save resources, protect nature, and keep Singapore beautiful!



WORD WALL

Groundwater: Water found underground in the soil and between rocks.

Depleted: Used-up supplies or resources.

Tilled: Land that has been prepared and cultivated for growing crops.

Lifeline: Something a person depends on to live.

Abuse: To misuse or use something badly.

Think and Answer

Tick the correct answer.

1. Why is Mother Earth calling?
 - a. to say thank you
 - b. to give a warning
 - c. to say goodnight
2. What are humans filling the lakes with?
 - a. water
 - b. air
 - c. soil
3. Mother Earth's gifts are enough for everyone's needs, but not for human.....
 - a. greed
 - b. need
 - c. activities

II. Answer in a sentence or two.

1. What are Mother Earth's gifts?

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2. What human activities have reduced water supply?

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3. What human activities have reduced the amount of food being grown?

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4. Why are trees our lifeline?

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5. What advice did Mother Earth give in the end?

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Human beings use Earth's natural resources, such as air, water, land, forests, rivers, lakes, oceans, and animals. However, when they misuse or overuse these resources, it leads to environmental problems such as pollution, the extinction of animals, and the depletion of resources. These issues are harmful to all creatures on Earth, including humans.

It is our duty to use Earth's resources responsibly so that they last for a long time.

There are many things you and your family can do at home to conserve Earth's resources:

- Don't leave the tap running while brushing your teeth.
- Fix dripping taps.
- Take bucket baths instead of showers.
- Stop wasting food.
- Turn off lights and fans when not in use.
- Do not waste paper.
- Segregate kitchen waste from plastic waste.
- Take care of your belongings so they last longer.
- Use cloth bags instead of plastic bags for shopping.
- Avoid using plastic straws.
- Choose wooden toys instead of plastic toys.
- Avoid cutting down trees as much as possible.

Which of these measures do you already follow?

Activity A: More Ways to Save

Do you know of any other ways to protect and save our environment?

Discuss with your teacher and write them here.

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Activity B: Make a Poster

You now know how to save the environment. It's time to share what you've learned with others. Form groups of four with the help of your teacher and create a poster that shows ways to save the environment. Present it to the class.



Let's Remember

Earth's resources will not last long if we don't use them responsibly. There are many ways in which we can take care of the resources. Let's practise them at home.