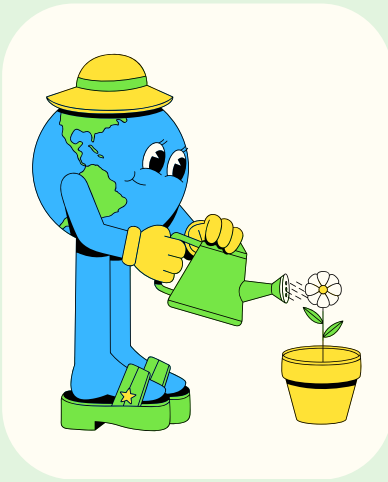


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HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

Read the passage below, then answer the questions on the next page.



Earth Day is a special day that people celebrate every year on April 22nd to show their love and care for our planet. It all started in 1970, when a U.S. senator named Gaylord Nelson wanted to raise awareness about environmental issues and make people understand the importance of protecting our Earth. He organized a big event where people from all over the country came together to talk about ways to take care of the planet.

At the time, many people were worried about pollution and other environmental problems. They wanted to make sure that the Earth would still be a healthy and beautiful place for future generations to enjoy. The event was a success and over 20 million people participated in the first Earth Day event!

Since then, Earth Day has become a global event, and people all around the world celebrate it by planting trees, picking up trash, and spreading the word about how to protect the planet. Even though we are small, we can make a big difference if we work together to take care of our planet. What will you do on Earth Day?



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HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences below.

- 🌿 _____ people participated in the first Earth Day.
- 🌿 Even though we are small, we can all make a big _____.
- 🌿 _____ had the idea to create an Earth Day event.
- 🌿 People celebrate Earth Day on _____.



Answer the questions below using the reading passage.

- 🌿 Why was the first Earth Day event created? _____

- 🌿 Why were people worried about pollution? _____

- 🌿 What can you do to celebrate Earth Day? _____

