

Introducing the Earth

All the people in all the town and cities you have ever heard about live on the same planet. Can you name the planet on which we live? Let's look at the globe.

The globe represents Earth. All the people, animals, trees, and flowers live together on planet Earth.

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Over the next couple of weeks, you will be learning more about Earth and how to take care of our planet. Since we all live on Earth together, we need to care for the earth. We need to keep our planet clean and healthy, just as we would keep ourselves clean and healthy.

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What can happen if you play in a mud puddle? You get dirty and you have to clean up! That is the same with the earth. If Earth becomes dirty, or polluted, it will be harder for plants, animals, and people to live here. We have to find a way to clean up the pollution.

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If we throw trash everywhere, trees won't be able to grow. We need to keep the sidewalks clean.	How can we clean the earth? How do we keep the oceans clean?	Keep animals safe from garbage. Polar bears need snow so they don't die.

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Do you think planet Earth can talk? For the next couple of weeks, you'll be asking them to use their imaginations and pretend that the earth is actually able to talk. Pretend that the earth is reading to you, even though that could not happen in real life.

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Listen to the read aloud to find out what the earth is made of. Try to remember the three substances, or things that make up the earth and why they are important to people.

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Hi, kids. It's me, Earth. Some people call me the world, some call me the planet, and some even call me Mother Earth. But you can just call me Good Old Earth. Earth is the planet on which we live. Earth also means the ground.



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This is what I look like from outer space, from somewhere beyond our friend the moon. The moon, stars, and sun are all objects in outer space. From outer space, I guess I look pretty small. You can see that I am mostly blue.



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That's because I'm mostly covered with water. But you can also see lots of green and brown. Those are the colors of the land where people live. Of course, I am also covered by a nice blanket of air. You can't see the air, but you can see the white clouds that float around in it.



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I've been here a long time, and I've seen many things. I just want to tell you that I am truly amazed by you people, and I'm glad you're here with me. You do so many amazing things.



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I like your farms and your nice little towns. I like the great big cities you've built. They're incredible! I don't even mind the roads you've built all over me. I like to feel your boats floating on my oceans, seas, and lakes, and your airplanes kind of tickle a little as they zoom through my skies.



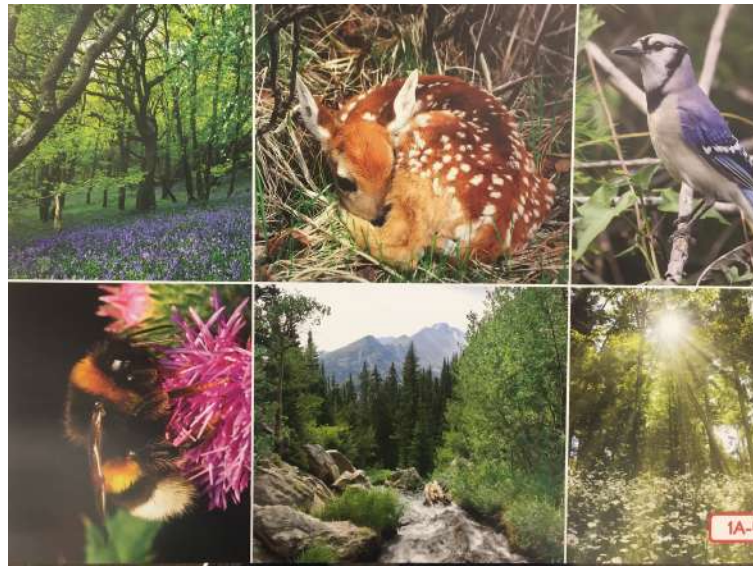
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Most of all, I like you kids. I like to feel your little feet running around, I like to hear you laughing, and I especially hope that you enjoy and appreciate all the beautiful and amazing places on my surface. The surface of the earth is its outer layer of land, or the ground. Let's take a look at some of these places together.



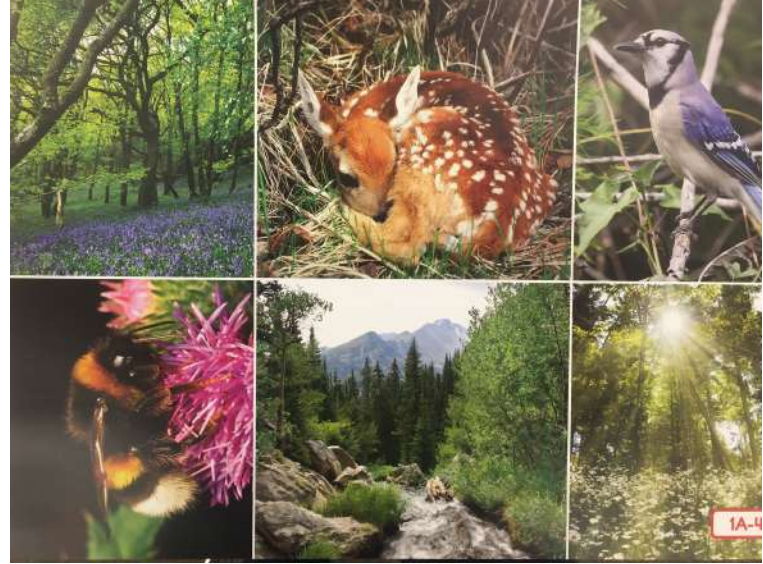
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People live on land, but you are not the only living things that depend on, or need, the land. Animals, plants, and people all need to share the land with each other.



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The flowers and grasses add such beauty to my surface. Of course, the flowers, trees, and grasses aren't there just to be pretty. They're important for all the creatures that live here: from the squirrels and birds that live in the trees, to the bees that buzz around drinking nectar from the flowers, to the animals that eat the grass.



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It's the same with rivers and other bodies of water, such as lakes and streams. They're nice to look at, and nice to swim around in or paddle down in your canoe. But they're also home to many creatures, from fish, to snakes and turtles, to snails. And their waters are important in many ways for you people, too.



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Can you think of ways that
water is important to people?
How do people use water?



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Here is a photo of the beautiful sky. On this day, the sun is shining brightly, and a few puffy clouds are floating through the air. Every time you look up in the sky from now on, I want you to think of the air that's there. You'll want to listen very carefully when I tell you about keeping the air and skies clean. After all the air is what you breathe every few seconds, every single day.



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Inhale and exhale deeply. You are breathing air in and out, even though you can't see the air.



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People are the most intelligent creatures here on Earth. You're the ones who built big cities and invented cars and computers. You make medicines for people and animals, and you have schools and airplanes and many other important things.



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You people are truly amazing. You can do many, many things that no other living creature here on Earth can do. That gives you extra responsibility: because you're the smartest, all living things depend on you to take care of me. So it's your job; you're expected to take care of the earth. You have the share the earth; you're in it together.



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I want people to truly enjoy living here. Every morning when you wake up and see the sunrise, I hope you will say, "Great! It's the start of another wonderful day on beautiful Earth!" To make sure that happens, I need to teach you about something I like to call "Taking Care of the Earth."



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I really need your help making sure that the air, water, and land stay clean so that you, and all other things living here, can be safe, healthy, and happy. And you kids can really do a lot to help out (and to make sure that all the grown-ups do their part, too).



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So I hope you'll listen carefully over the next couple weeks, because I have a lot of important things to share with you.



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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What are some other names for Earth?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

What three things make up the earth?

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Give examples of where you find water on the earth.

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Comprehension Questions:

Inferential

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Why are land, water, and air important to people?

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Comprehension Questions:

Literal

PLEASE answer in
COMPLETE sentences.

Why do people have special responsibilities to take care of Earth?

Think Pair. Share.



I'm going to ask you a question. I will give you a minute to think about the question, and then I will ask you to turn to your neighbor and discuss the question. Finally I will call on several of you to share what you discussed with your partner.

Think Pair. Share

Evaluative:



Do you think that everything that happens in this read aloud could really happen, or is it all pretend or fantasy? Or, is some of it real and some of it pretend? How do you know?

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Word Work

Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

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In the read aloud you heard, “That gives you extra **responsibility**: because you’re the smartest, all living things depend on you to take care of the earth.”

Say the word **responsibility** with me.

Whisper responsibility to the ceiling.

Whisper responsibility to your neighbor.

Let’s clap it out.

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*A **responsibility** is something that a person is expected to do.*

*Parents have a **responsibility** to care for their children, or a person may have a responsibility to do the dishes after dinner.*

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Tell me about a responsibility you have. Try to use the word responsibility when you tell about it.

“I have a responsibility to...”

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*What's the word we have been talking
about?*

Let's clap it out.

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If any of the things I say is a responsibility of yours, stand up. If it is not your responsibility, stay seated.

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Setting the table

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Picking up your toys.

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Driving yourself to school.

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Making your dinner.

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Washing your laundry, or dirty clothes

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Taking care of a pet.

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Brushing your teeth.

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Making your bed.