

**1** Choose the correct word. What are the 3 'Rs' that help the planet?

# Earth Day **GO GREEN!**

Every year on 22nd April, we celebrate Earth Day. It is a day for people to try and help the planet and 'go green'. We can do this by following the 3 'Rs': **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!**



## REDUCE

'Reduce' means to use or buy fewer things. This means only buying what you need, **1) turning/looking** off electric devices or the lights when you're not using them, and **2) putting/taking** short showers instead of baths to save water. Another meaning of reducing is creating less waste. An example of this is making smart choices, for example buying loose fruit and vegetables instead of ones that are wrapped **3) in/on** plastic.



## REUSE

If you have to buy something, you can always reuse it. This simply means using it again. You can use something again for the same purpose, like **4) taking/keeping** a cloth bag to the supermarket again and again instead of using a new plastic one every time. But you can also reuse something in a different way. How about using a yoghurt pot as a plant pot? Or, if you have broken crayons, use them to **5) make/do** amazing art, candles or pencil holders! If you want ideas on how to reuse things, there are lots of online videos that show you how. Get creative and help Planet Earth at the same time!

## RECYCLE

If you can't reuse something, you can usually recycle it. Recycling is when we take an item, process it and **6) do/turn** it into something new. We can recycle metal, paper, glass and plastic. Paper is usually recycled and used to make newspapers, magazines and tissues. Recycled glass is mostly used to make new bottles, and recycled metal is often used for tin **7) tubes/cans**. For plastic, it's a bit different. Depending **8) at/on** the type of plastic, companies can use it to make bottles, bags and even clothes! Recycling helps the planet in many ways, as it reduces waste in our landfills, saves energy, and saves precious natural resources like trees, metal and oil.



**2** Look at the environmentally-friendly activities people do below and put them under the correct heading.

I decorated an old glass jar and made a beautiful pencil holder. 1

I always take my cloth bags with me when I go shopping. 2

I brought my old smartphone into the shop and got a discount on my new tablet. 3

My class started a compost pile at school. Students bring in their food waste and add it to the pile. 4

After reading the newspaper, I put it in the paper bin. 5

**RECYCLE**

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**3** **ICT** In groups, find ways you can reuse household items and prepare a 'how to' video. Present it to the class.