

# PRE-READING: OUR PLANET EARTH

## INSTRUCTIONS

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

### Love the Earth!

We all need to take care of the planet we share. We need to make sure that the Earth is around for people in the future. Let's all do our part!

Here are some simple things you can do:

- Take shorter showers or use less water in your bath. This will save water.
- Recycle your bottles, cans, and paper. Ask your parents to help you figure out how to do this.
- Turn the lights off when you leave a room. This will save electricity.
- Be careful with paper. Use both sides of each sheet of paper. Use leftover sheets of paper for notes or letters. This will help save trees.
- If possible, hang your clothes to dry outside. A dryer uses a lot of electricity. This will help you cut down on the amount of electricity you use.
- Don't litter. If you have something that you need to throw away, wait until you are near a trash can. Never throw it on the ground. The trash can wind up in our lakes, rivers, or oceans.
- Plant a tree or flowers. Ask your parents to help you. If you can't do this at home, think about doing it at your grandparents' home, your school, or at a local park. Trees provide shade on hot days, and both trees and flowers even clean the air we all breathe.

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1. Someone might read this passage
  - a. to find a recycling center near his or her school
  - b. to enjoy a story about trees and flowers
  - c. to learn about how to care for the planet
  - d. to find out how electricity works
2. If the author wrote more, what else might the author ask you to do?
  - a. Leave your television on when you leave the house.
  - b. Wash your towels every day.
  - c. Have your parents drive you to school each morning.
  - d. Turn the water off as you brush your teeth.
3. What will using both sides of a sheet of paper do?

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4. Have you learned about caring for the Earth before? If so, when? What did you learn?

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