



Clean Earth Day Challenge

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article.
Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: We will be talking about the Clean Earth Challenge. Earth Day is 55 years this year and celebrated on April 22. One way to celebrate Earth Day is to participate in the Clean Earth Challenge, started by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and Johnson Outdoors. The NFW is a group that cares for the environment and protects animals and nature. You can help by picking up trash in the outdoors. Trash can hurt the environment by polluting the land and water. It can also cause harm to wild animals. People can pick up trash in parks, neighborhoods, and also in streams, rivers, and the ocean. People also learn about recycling and programs in their local areas. During this event, volunteers can count or weigh trash collected and send it to the NFW.

2

Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict!
(View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
<p>pick collect trash volunteer help</p>	<p>What will you learn? How do you celebrate Earth Day? What will you learn about Earth Day and Clean Earth Challenge? What does a volunteer do?</p>	<p>Good answer Nicely done Great comment Two points!</p>	<p>I think... I wonder... Let's see What else Tell me more</p>



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today about Earth Day and the Clean Earth Challenge? How can you care for the earth? Why is it important to clean up trash in our environment? What does the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) do? Why it is important to take care of the earth? Where can you pickup trash? How much trash do you think is collected each year during the Clean Earth Challenge?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about Earth Day.	What do you know about the Clean Earth Challenge?	Tell me what you can do to help out on Earth Day?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• every year on April 22• remember to care for our earth• take care of plants, trees, and animals• tell people about picking up trash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• many people volunteer• groups of people get trash from land, beaches, and water• pick up cans, bottles and more	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• grow plants• get trash and put it away• go outside and pick up trash• tell people about recycling