

## THE PROTECTION OF NATURE

People have lived on our planet for many years. They lived and live on different continents in different countries. People depend on their planet, on the sun, on animals and planets around them.

April 22 is the Earth Day. People all over the world think about our planet. They think about air, water, plants and animals on the Earth. They say our planet is in danger. Many people do not know how to protect animals and plants, how to keep the waters clean and the air fresh. But they are ready to do it. They try to help nature.

Water is very important for life on the Earth. It is in the oceans, seas, rivers and lakes. There is much water on our planet and at the same time there is little water on it. It is so because very little water on the Earth is good for drinking, but in many rivers and lakes water is very dirty. Sometimes people cannot swim even in the sea because the sea and the seaside are not clean. In many places water is not drinkable. It is dangerous to use it when you cook. Even fish die in such water.

For example Lake Baikal is the deepest freshwater lake on the Earth. It is 1741 metres deep. The lake is very beautiful but now it is in great danger, because of the factories which are near it. At some places the water in the lake is so dirty that it can kill animals and plants in Baikal and near it.

Some people's activities do a lot of harm to the forests. People cut down trees to build farms, homes and roads. Many animals and plants lose their homes. This is bad for the Earth and air too. Modern plants and factories send a lot of smoke into air. This is also very bad, because nowadays it's difficult to breathe in big cities.

### Task 1. Decide if the sentences true or false:

1. People have lived on our planet for many years.
2. April 25 is the Earth Day.
3. People depend on their planet, on the sun, on animals.
4. Some people say that our planet is not in danger.
5. Water is very important for life on the Earth.
6. There is not much water on our planet.
7. In many rivers and lakes water is very clean,
8. In many places water is not drinkable.
9. Lake Baikal is the deepest freshwater lake on the Earth.

10. It is 500 metres deep.  
11. Some people's activities do a lot of harm to the forests.  
12. Modern plants and factories send a lot of smoke into air.

**Task 2. Complete the sentences choosing the right words:**

1. People have lived on our planet for many\_\_\_\_\_  
a. centuries    b. months    c. years    d. weeks
2. People all over the world think about our\_\_\_\_\_  
a. planet-    b. country    c. health    d. life
3. Many people do not know how to protect\_\_\_\_\_.  
a. factories and plants    b. animal and plant worlds  
c. cinemas and theatres    d. hospitals and schools
4. Water is very important for life on the\_\_\_\_\_  
a. Sun    b. Moon    c. Earth    d. Mars
5. In many rivers and lakes water is very\_\_\_\_\_  
a. clean    b. blue    c. pure    d. dirty
6. In many places water is\_\_\_\_\_  
a. not drinkable    b. drinkable    c. tasty    d. good
7. Lake Baikal is the deepest freshwater lake\_\_\_\_\_  
a. on the Earth    b. in Europe    c. in Asia    d. in Africa
8. The sea and the seaside are\_\_\_\_\_  
a. very clean    b. not clean    c. beautiful    d. very rich
9. Sometimes people cannot \_\_\_\_\_in the sea.  
a. work    b. play    c. swim    d. live
10. Many animals lose their\_\_\_\_\_  
a. tails    b. homes    c. lives    d. skin
11. Modern \_\_\_\_\_send a lot of smoke into air.  
a. plants and factories    c. theatres and cinemas  
b. hospitals and schools    d. museums and galleries
12. It's difficult to breath in \_\_\_\_\_  
a. villages    b. big cities    c. forests    d. parks

**Task 3. Choose the best answer to complete the sentence**

**1** If I lost my handbag, I \_\_\_\_\_ the police.

**A** phone    **B** 'm phone    **C** 'll phone    **D** 'd phone

**2** Who \_\_\_\_\_ the washing-up in your house?

**A** makes    **B** does    **C** has    **D** gets

**3** How \_\_\_\_\_ have you had this boat?

**A** much   **B** far        **C** long            **D** time

**4** Paul McCartney comes from Liverpool, \_\_\_\_\_ he?

**A** isn't        **B** doesn't   **C** hasn't    **D** didn't

**5** This is the painting \_\_\_\_\_ was stolen in 2004.

**A** what        **B** who            **C** where    **D** which

**6** \_\_\_\_\_ anything about astronomy?

**A** Do you know   **B** Are you know   **C** Have you know   **D** Do you knowing

**7** I \_\_\_\_\_ Portuguese because I lived in Brazil for ten years.

**A** understand    **B** 'm understanding   **C** to understand   **D** 'll understand

**8** The film was awful and we were very \_\_\_\_\_.

**A** bored   **B** boring   **C** bore            **D** boredom

**9** "I'd like to introduce \_\_\_\_\_. My name is Dahlia Ross."

**A** myself   **B** yourself   **C** me            **D** ourselves

**10** \_\_\_\_\_ United Kingdom consists of four countries; Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England.

**A** The        **B** —        **C** a            **D** An

**11** Is your hair \_\_\_\_\_ or straight?

**A** curls        **B** curled    **C** curly        **D** curling

**12** A horse has got \_\_\_\_\_ legs.

**A** for        **B** fore        **C** fort            **D** four