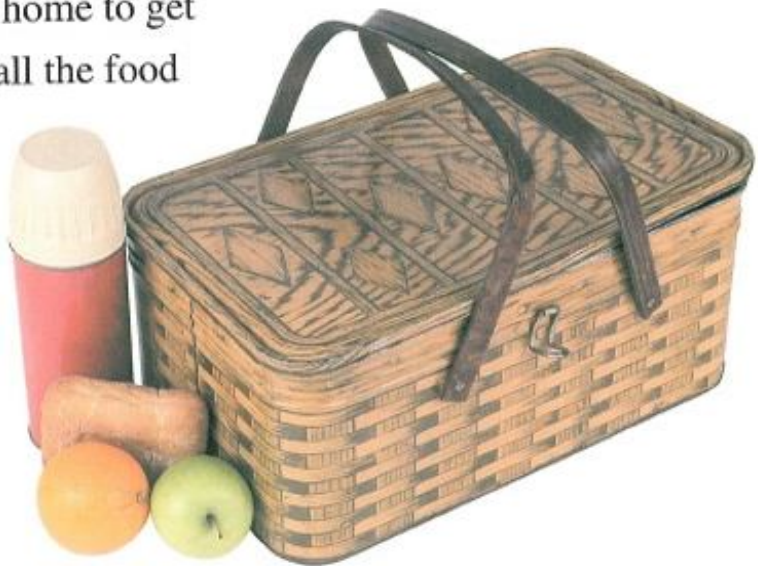


Earth Day and Our Spring Picnic

1 I live in San Francisco with my family. We have a spring picnic on Earth Day. Earth Day is a special day. On Earth Day, people all over the world act to protect our planet. It is on April 22 and it is a day to **remember** how beautiful the earth is.

5 On Earth Day we get up very early. We go to the park to plant trees, grass, and flowers. We also help with cleaning the streams in the park. We listen to important people talk. They tell us what we must do for the earth.

10 After the work is done, we **hurry** home to get ready for the picnic. Mom **packs** all the food and dishes. Dad **loads** everything into the car. We get
15 back to the park. At the picnic there are fun races. There are three legged races. There is a big **tug of war**. There is a water balloon toss. I like the spoon



20 races. My little brother likes
the tricycle races. After the
games, everyone enjoys their
picnic lunch. We spread picnic
blankets on the grass.

25 Everyone **shares** picnic food.

After that, the winners of the
races get to go on a big **stage**.
They tell everyone why Earth
30 Day is important. Next, a band
goes on the stage. We sing
'America the Beautiful.' There
are other special songs. We are
reminded to practice Earth
35 Day everyday. All too soon it
is time to go home.



Vocabulary Build Up

A. Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. remember • | • to put things onto or into something |
| 2. hurry • | • to put objects into a box, case, or bag |
| 3. pack • | • to do something as fast as possible |
| 4. load • | • to keep in mind carefully |
| 5. tug of war • | • to divide something between two or more people |
| 6. share • | • an area where actors or other entertainers perform |
| 7. stage • | • to make someone remember something |
| 8. remind • | • to keep doing something in order to do it better |
| 9. practice • | • a contest between two teams, each holding ends of a rope |

B. Choose the best words to fill in the blanks.

1. I guess I know you. I _____ that I saw you before.
(a) remember (b) replay (c) repay (d) remedy
2. My family had dinner together last night. We _____ good food and stories.
(a) measured (b) sang (c) shared (d) helped
3. The ship _____ tons of fish. It goes to another country.
(a) reminds (b) races (c) cleans (d) loads
4. Sally _____ the books and said goodbye to the class.
(a) practiced (b) wore (c) wrote (d) packed
5. _____. Otherwise you will be late for school.
(a) Go up (b) Hurry up (c) Hang up (d) Practice

Comprehension Check Up

A. Check True or False.

1. I have a spring picnic with my family on April 22. ☐ T ☐ F
2. We have to sing only 'America the beautiful' on Earth Day. ☐ T ☐ F

B. Choose the best answers.

1. When is the Earth Day?
 (a) April 12 (b) April 22 (c) March 22 (d) March 12
2. Which of following is not true about Earth Day?
 (a) It is a day to remember how beautiful the Earth is.
 (b) Only people in San Francisco celebrate it.
 (c) People act to protect our planet on that day.
 (d) You can go on a picnic on that day.
3. Why does the family get up early on Earth Day?
 (a) They are going on a picnic. (b) They enjoy the tug of war game.
 (c) They get up early to look after the park. (d) They sing songs with a microphone.
4. Which activity does not take place at the picnic?
 (a) three legged races (b) the tug of war
 (c) a water balloon toss (d) bicycle races

C. Write the best answers.

1. What do the important people talk about in the park?

2. Who gets to go on a big stage to talk to everyone?

Fact and Opinion

Find and write sentences that tell facts about Earth Day and tell the author's opinion.

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Story Summary Up

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

April lunch everyone games listens picnic sing

On _____ 22, which is Earth Day, my family has a spring _____.
 Earth day is the day when you act to protect our planet. My family takes care of the
 park and _____ to a speech about our planet. We are ready for the picnic. At
 the picnic there are fun games. After the _____ everyone enjoys their picnic
 _____. After that, the winners of the races tell _____ why Earth
 Day is important. Next, we _____ special songs.

Think and Act Out

Write or say your own opinions.

- Why does the author write: *All too soon it is time to go home?*
- How can we practice Earth Day everyday?