

# Save the Planet



## Read the Article

Read the Article to practise and Improve your Reading Skills. Complete the Lesson Activity to test your level.

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How green is your world? For some of us, the inconvenient truth is this: When it comes to "greening" our home, our lifestyle, our family and our pets, we are not always sure where to begin. Here are some easy-to-embrace, eco-friendly tips. Try some. Try them all. We and the planet may be better for them.

One coffee cup? Two cereal bowls? Don't put the dishwasher to work. Rinse and air dry. Run the energy-sapping dishwasher only when it's full and on its energy-saver mode.

Take shorter showers and consider baths a special treat. Hot water heaters are a major energy drain. Insulate your water heater. Install low-flow shower heads, you'll cut your water usage and water-heating costs.

Use more energy-efficient lighting throughout your home. Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) have come a long way and are often 10 times more efficient than compact fluorescents.

Choose pet products and pet health care providers who share your concern for the natural world. For example, World's Best Cat Litter is made from all-natural ingredients with no added chemicals or perfumes, so it is totally safe for cats and the whole family. The chemical-free litter is especially suitable for people and pets with allergies and chemical sensitivities because it is silica dust-free. Also, the product is safe if ingested by pets or humans because it contains no toxins.

Close down your computer at night. The Department of Energy recommends shutting off your monitor if you aren't going to use it for more than 20 minutes, and the whole system if you'll be offline for more than two hours.

One day each week, leave the car in the garage all day.

Our parents were on to something, when leaving a room, turn off the lights.

Drip. Drip. Drip. A leaky faucet can waste up to 80 litres of water a day.

Planning to build a new home or add on to your existing residence? Locate contractors who participate in green building programs.

Take a cue from our grandparents. Use natural resources to clean. Lemon juice and vinegar were powerful tools in the past.

Get out the caulking gun, and weather strip your home.

Walk, bike or car pool whenever possible. You'll save energy and burn a few extra calories.

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## ACTIVITIES

### Choose True or False

- A broken faucet can waste 80 liters of water per day.  
 True  
 False  
 Not given
- Shower times don't matter when it comes to saving the planet.  
 True  
 False  
 Not given
- Led lights consume more energy than ordinary bulbs.  
 True  
 False  
 Not given
- Vinegar was used to clean in the past.  
 True  
 False  
 Not given
- Using the car every day can help save the planet.  
 True  
 False  
 Not given

### Complete the Sentences

- Pet products \_\_\_\_\_ caring for the planet.  
 can hardly improve  
 can't improve  
 can dramatically improve
- If you are going to remodel your house, hire \_\_\_\_\_ to take care of the planet.  
 unsuitable staff  
 suitable staff  
 careless staff
- Use lemon for deep cleaning \_\_\_\_\_ products.  
 and add toxic  
 as well as toxic  
 instead of toxic
- Fix all the taps in your house to \_\_\_\_\_ and save money.  
 avoid wasting water  
 waste water  
 keep wasting water
- Riding a bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ the planet and our health.  
 help  
 damages  
 is good for

### Choose the Correct order

- Which sentence appears first in the article?  
 Lemon juice and vinegar.  
 Take a cue from our grandparents.  
 Planning to build a new home.
- Which sentence appears first in the article?  
 Turn off the lights.  
 One day each week.  
 80 liters of water a day.
- Which sentence appears first in the article?  
 World's Best Cat Litter  
 Here are some easy-to-embrace.  
 We and the planet may be better for them.
- Which sentence appears first in the article?  
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 Use more energy-efficient lighting.  
 Hot water heaters are a major energy drain.
- Which sentence appears first in the article?  
 Two cereal bowls?  
 One coffee cup?  
 How green is your world?

**Correct answers on bottom page.**

## CORRECT ANSWERS

- True
- False
- False
- True
- False
- can dramatically improve
- suitable staff
- instead of toxic
- avoid wasting water
- is good for
- Planning to build a new home
- One day each week
- Here are some easy-to-embrace
- Take shorter showers
- How green is your world?