Earth Day is on April 22nd every year. Earth Day is a day to remember to take care of our planet, Earth. We can take care of our planet by keeping it clean.

We can keep Earth clean by following the rule of “reduce, reuse, recycle”. Reduce means use less. We can reduce our use of resources like water or gasoline. Reuse means use again, rather than throw things away. We can reuse many things, such as jars, plastic bags, and boxes. Recycle means to make something new from something old. We can keep Earth clean by recycling materials such as aluminum, paper, and plastic. If we take these materials to a recycling center, they can be used again in a different way.

On Earth Day, we remind ourselves and everyone on Earth that we must do these things. We must do these things every day, not just on Earth Day. We must all do our part, and we can make a difference. On April 22nd, remind everyone you know that every day is Earth Day!
Name ________________________ Date _____________

Answer the following questions about Earth Day.

1. What is the purpose of this essay?
   a. to entertain
   b. to inform
   c. to test your knowledge
   d. none of the above

2. In which month is Earth Day celebrated?
   a. February
   b. March
   c. April
   d. May

3. On Earth Day we remind people to...
   a. recycle paper
   b. recycle cans
   c. reuse materials
   d. all of the above

4. Why does the writer think that Earth Day should be every day?
   a. People want to play in clean parks every day.
   b. People should take care of the planet every day.
   c. People like to read the newspaper every day.
   d. None of the above.

Match the words with their meanings.

recycle to use something over again
reuse to use a material and make it into something else
reduce to use less of something
Use complete sentences to answer the questions below.

1. Imagine changing something you do to use fewer resources. Describe.
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2. Tell how the idea of recycling reminds you of an experience you have had (yourself or with your family or friends).
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3. After reading the story what do you think is meant by *resources*?
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4. What did you learn about Earth Day that you did not already know? In what situation might this new information be useful?
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Answers to EARTH DAY

Multiple-choice:

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. b

Matching:

recycle: to use a material and make it into something else
reuse: to use something over again
reduce: to use less of something

Short-answer:

1. Answers may vary, accept reasonable answers.
2. Answers may vary, accept reasonable answers.
3. Resources = something of material value or usefulness. Natural resources include forests, fresh water, minerals, etc.
4. Answers may vary, accept reasonable answers.