

**Access English Centre**  
**Immigrant Centre Manitoba**  
**Warm-up Activity**  
***"Earth Day" Activity Plan***  
**15 minutes**  
**Intermediate/ Advanced Level**

**Facilitator Note:** This small group activity requires the participants to work together to brainstorm vocabulary on Earth Day.

**Warm-up:**

**Materials:** Participants need: Optional: paper  
pens/pencils  
Facilitators needs: Whiteboard and whiteboard markers

5 min.

**Procedure: Introduction-**

*Before you begin:*

1. On the whiteboard: write- "Earth Day".
2. Brainstorm with the whole group their ideas of "Earth Day". (Ex.: "What is Earth Day?" "Why do we have "Earth Day"? "Is there an "Earth Day" in your country?")
3. Write some their responses on the whiteboard.

Ex. environment

10 min.

pollution

4. Explain the activity.
5. Divide the whole group into three's or they can choose their own group members.
6. The facilitator will read a short paragraph about "Earth Day"
7. Afterwards in their groups, they share what they remembered from the script that was read by the facilitator. He/ she only reads it twice.
8. Optional-The group member can write what they remember, if needed.
9. Within the groups, they will discuss the facts of the short paragraph. (See if they remember **5 key facts.**)

**ORIGINAL EARTH DAY SCRIPT:**

Earth Day began on April 22, 1970 in the United States. It is also referred to as World Earth Day 2011 in which it is celebrated all over the world. Earth Day 2011 will mark the 41st anniversary of Earth Day. Later, you will watch 3 videos. One of the videos is called Unfriend Coal. It is about an organization called "Greenpeace" which has challenged Facebook to stop using coal-fired power by or on Earth Day -April 22, 2011.

10. Afterwards, the facilitator will read the script aloud but ask one member from each group to fill-in the blanks-orally:

BLANK EARTH DAY SCRIPT:

Earth Day began on \_\_ *April 22, 1970*\_\_ in the \_\_ *United States* \_\_. It is also referred to as \_\_ *World* \_\_ Earth Day 2011 in which is celebrated all over the world. Earth Day 2011 will mark the 41st anniversary of Earth Day. Later, you will watch 3 videos. One of the videos is called \_\_ *Unfriend Coal* \_\_. It is about an organization called “\_\_ *Greenpeace* \_\_” which has challenged Facebook to stop using coal-fired power by or on Earth Day –April 22, 2011.

**Access English Centre**  
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**Work-out Activity**  
***"Recyclable Art" Activity Plan***  
**60 minutes**  
**Intermediate/ Advanced Level**

**Facilitator Note:** This small group activity requires the participants to work together to create "Recyclable Art".

**Work-out:**

**Materials:** Participants need: tape, glue, scissors, paper, various empty containers/boxes  
 (Ex. empty milk cartons)  
 pens/pencils/ crayons  
 model of Recyclable Art – (ex. flowers made from egg cartons and pipe cleaners)

Facilitators needs: Whiteboard and whiteboard markers

**Procedure: Introduction-**

*Before you begin:*

*One week before- "Recyclable Art" Activity Class:*

1. Remind the participants to collect (over a week) some clean recyclable garbage- "empty milk cartons, cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc." and bring them to AEC class.
2. Make and bring a model for demonstration.

1. On the whiteboard: write- "Recyclable Art".
2. Show your model of "Recyclable Art" to the whole group.
3. Explain the word "Recyclable Art" which means creating "art" by using empty cartons and boxes. Instead of disposing them, you are recycling them by creating "Recyclable Art".

4. Explain the activity.

5. Brainstorm together words that describe your Art:

Ex. recycle                      plastic jug  
 recyclable                    container  
 nature                        clean  
 milk carton  
 empty

6. On the Whiteboard, write:

1. Name
2. Materials used
3. What is it?
4. Did they enjoy making the Art?
5. Did everyone work well with each other?
6. Would you add more "stuff" to it?
7. Are you happy with your "Recyclable Art"?

10 min.

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| 30 min. | 7. Divide the entire group into small groups of three, each participant will work together as a team to discuss and decide what to do and how to create their "Art masterpiece by using glue, scissors, markers, and tape. |
| 20 min. | 8. Afterwards, each small group will share their "Recyclable Art" with the whole group (whole class). They will describe their Art by responding to the prompts on the whiteboard.   |
|         | 10. Demonstrate.   |
|         | 11. Circulate among the participants and be ready to give suggestions or give vocabulary hints.  |

**Access English Centre**  
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**Cool-Down Activity**  
***Earth Day Activity Plan***  
**15 minutes**  
**Intermediate/ Advanced Level**

**Facilitator Note:** This small group activity requires the participants to watch/view three videos and have a whole group discussion.

**Cool-Down:**

**Materials:** Participants needs: Optional: paper  
pens/pencils  
Facilitators needs: Whiteboard and whiteboard markers  
Projector

3 min.

**Procedure: Introduction-**

*Before you begin:*

*1. Write on the whiteboard:*

<http://hubpages.com/hub/when-is-earth-day>

**Short Videos:**

**Greenpeace Unfriend Coal Facebook Video - Green Earth Day 2011(2:00)**

**Earth Day Movie - Disneynature's African Cats Movie (1:51)**

**Earth Day Canada 2011 - Earth Week 2011 Canada (3:56)**

12 min.

2. Explain the activity.

3. Using the projector, go onto "**Google**" and type in the above website.

4. As a whole group: watch all three videos.(Total time=7:07)

5. Have a general discussion on each of the videos.

6. Optional: The participants can write the above information on paper and watch the videos or read the website on their own.

7. Possible Questions to Discuss:

Ø Which video did you like/ or dislike?

Ø What did you think?

Ø Would you go home and watch the videos, again? Why/Why not?

Ø Do you celebrate Earth Day?

Ø What are some ways you conserve energy or recycle?