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Voices of the Earth

If the Earth could speak, what would it say to us?

Would it say, "Thank you for keeping the seas and rivers clean," "The forests are decreasing and I think I'm going to catch a cold," or "I'm so sorry for destroying the buildings with the earthquake." Or would it say, "It really hurt when I was hit by a meteorite the other day."

Try and imagine What the Earth would Say!

I wonder how much you all know about the Earth.

Did you know that when the Earth was first born, it was made almost entirely of gas?

Did you know that small planets bumped into each other and formed the Earth and Moon that we now know?

Did you know that the land and the seas were formed after a long period of continuous rain?

"And after that somehow something appeared in the sea that moved. That was the birth of life, you know. That gave me a bit of a surprise!"

It developed into plants, and then dinosaurs and animals were born and then human-beings.

"Although many things happened after I was born, I really thought it was good that I become a planet with lots of greenery, water and living things. But, you know...."

So, after this, what do you think the Earth would want to say?

Try and imagine what the Earth would say and draw it in a picture

Greenery

Did you know that there are as many as 300,000 types of plants? In addition to that, the reason that the Earth has oxygen is thanks to plants making oxygen through photosynthesis. It is thanks to plants that animals and humans can live. But humans cut down forests to make places to live or cut trees down to make farmland, so greenery has decreased drastically. I understand that animals and creatures eat and use plants in order to stay alive, but I wish they would only use the amount they really need to be able to live. Oh, but I do think activities to increase the amount of greenery by planting trees in the desert are really good. It would be great to have an Earth full of greenery.

Living Creatures

All kinds of living creatures such as animals, insects, birds, fish and microorganisms that are invisible to the eye are living in all kinds of places on the Earth, such as on the bottom of the deep sea, on the top of high mountains that are cold all year round or in the desert that reaches over 40 degrees. None of these creatures can live without oxygen or water. In addition to this, creatures stay alive by feeding on other creatures. So this means if one creature disappears, then the creature that feeds on that creature also can no longer live. Usually, the species do not disappear completely, but their numbers decrease towards extinction when the environment they are living in is destroyed by human activity such as building towns and using too much water. From my point of view, human beings are also one of the creatures on the Earth. So for everyone to be able to live, I really want to protect the environment.

Air & Water

Nowadays water and air are everywhere, but when the Earth was born it was full of gas just like the Sun. Naturally, there weren't any living creatures as the temperature of the Earth was over 1,000 degrees. It took a long time for the Earth to become like it is now. You know, there aren't any plants or animals that can live if there is no water or air. But if the water and air are polluted by the wastewater and gases coming from factories made by humans, animals and plants will no longer be able to live. Things that are produced by factories are only used by humans, but water and air are needed by both plants and animals. That's why I want you not to pollute the seas, rivers, and air. An Earth that is full of clean water and air feels so good.

Natural Resources

Humans are really amazing, aren't you? You take resources from inside my body, such as oil, coal, iron and aluminum and with them you can make cars and electricity to move things. But if you take or use too much resource it makes the water and air dirty, so I really want you to try and re-use them as much as possible, and not throw them away. When you burn oil and coal they give off carbon dioxide, so if you use them too much the temperature goes up and this causes climate changes, such as heavy rain and droughts. And don't you think this will cause problems like not being able to drive cars or use electricity anymore if you use too much resource and there isn't any oil or gas left?

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We were all given at birth on the earth called "a Miracle Planet". We have no difference and borders wherever and whenever we were born. I am so fortunate to see such beautiful and colorful paintings/creative writing filled with your dreams and lots of hopes through this competition. We are fully aware of that, those are the gifts which are given from the earth, their parents who gave them selfless loves and also their beloved friends. We also have treasures which only we, human beings can protect, such as water, air and nature itself. The main theme and purpose of this competition is to know how the children feel and see this world and the earth through their genuine innocent eyes and hearts. I strongly believe that we can find the important roles and key to protect our earth and the children's rights beyond any borders from your great piece of work.

Theme: Voices of the Earth

Eligibility: The Art & Creative Writing Competition is open for kindergarten to twelfth (Grade-12) students. The competition is open to public, private and home school students.

Art / Creative writing submitted for consideration must be original work and must be prepared by a single student. Only one submission per category, per student. Participants may submit one art work and one creative writing by submitting double fee.

Registration for the competition: Please fill in the registration form for Schools/Institutes (Annexure 1) - (also available on the website)

Labeling: To label the artwork and creative writing, please use the Labeling Form (Annexure 2) - (also available on the website)

Registration Fee: 500/- Rs Only (for each entrant / entry)

TIME SCHEDULE

Registration Deadline: All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017

Result Announcement: The names of winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at www.hrcamegaevents.com

NOTE: HRCA reserve the rights to disqualify any contestant on the basis of any violation. Decision of the jury will be immutable.

CONTEST RULES

Poster Evaluations: a) Drawing: 60 points, b) Decoration 20 points, c) Creativity 20 points

- Remind your group that the drawing could be used for making posters!
- Encourage them to use bright bold colors. Any media may be used- paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters.
- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.

Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself.

Creative Writing Evaluations:

- **Content and Body** (maximum 20 points) (Response to assigned task, clearly established controlling idea, relevant and clearly developed supporting ideas, sense of order, flow of ideas, sense of completeness)
- **Sentence Formation** (maximum 20 points) (Appropriate end punctuation, complete sentences, appropriate coordination and subordination)
- **Conventions of Written Language** (maximum 10 points) (appropriate usage and mechanics)
- **Style** (maximum 10 points) (Effective diction, varied and effective sentence structure, tone consistent with topic and purpose, sense of audience)
- **Creativity** (maximum 40 points)
- Creative Writing must be in original, unpublished, and written by a single student
- Creative Writing must be double-spaced and no smaller than 12 pt font. Creative Writing must not exceed 4 pages in length.

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WORDS LIMIT

PG to Grade 2	40 words approximate
Grade 3 to Grade 4	80 words approximate
Grade 5 to Grade 6	120 words approximate
Grade 7 to Grade 8	220 words approximate
Grade 9 to Grade 10	250 words approximate
Grade 11 to Grade 12	350 words approximate

- SIZE OF Paper FOR Creative Writing: A4/Legal size.
- Entries must be in English.
- Each page must be numbered.

Participants can submit a single creative writing work in the creative writing Competition. Students participating in creative writing are also allowed to participate in Art Competition.

GROUPS**Select your group carefully**

Play Group to Grade 2	-----	YELLOW
Grade 3 – Grade 4	-----	GREEN
Grade 5 – Grade 6	-----	RED
Grade 7 – Grade 8	-----	BLUE
Grade 9 – Grade 10	-----	ORANGE
Grade 11 – Grade 12	-----	BROWN

PRIZES**Grand Prize**

Rs: 200,000/-

Cash Prize (2) + Trophy

1st Prize Laptop	(From Each Group) + Plaque
2nd Prize 15000/-	(From Each Group) + Plaque
3rd Prize 10,000/-	(From Each Group) + Plaque
4th Prize 5000/-	(From Each Group) + Plaque
5th Prize Gold Medal (25)	(From Each Group)
6th Prize Silver Medal (25)	(From Each Group)
7th Prize Bronze Medal (25)	(From Each Group)
Top Ten Teachers 15,000/- (10)	(For Maximum entrants)

Note: Certificate of Appreciation for Principals, souvenir for Schools and Teachers

For Participation

Send a Bank Draft /Pay Order of collective amount in favor of “HR Consultant Association” along with the list of students (attached as „Annexure 1”; also available on our website www.hrcomegaevents.com) and participants” material on the following address:

HRCA Office, M-1, Office No. 02, Eden Tower,
82-E/1, Main Boulevard Gulberg III Lahore.
Landline # 042-35782165, 35782247

(Entries may be delivered by hand during office timings i.e. from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)