

EARTH DAY PARTNER PLAYS

4 different levels

Teacher's guide

Grades 2-4

The Recycling Games

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Soda Can
Water Bottle

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Soda Can: [reading the names on the bins] P-p-paper...G-g-glass...P-p-plastic! I found it!

Water Bottle: Ok, so now we know where I go!

Soda Can: My turn!

Water Bottle: What are you made of, soda can?

Soda Can: Soda?



Can: Nope. What does that last bin say?

Bottle: Aluminum?

Can: Aluminum! That's it! That's what you're made of!

Bottle: Ok, we figured out where I go! Now we just have the Challenge left!

Can: Here it comes!

Bottle: and look as a question is projected onto a screen.]

Can: First question! How long does it take for an aluminum can to...

Bottle: ...aluminum, like me?

Can: Yes! I know this one! It's 60 days!

Bottle: ...s and they know they got it right!]

Can: question! When you recycle plastic containers, before you...

Bottle: ...n, you must...

Can: I know this one! You must clean them first!

Bottle: ...estion!

Can: [True or false: Cardboard can be recycled seven times.

Bottle: ...ounds like a lot! False?

Can: ...r sounds and they know they got it wrong.]

Bottle: ...er. Hopefully we can get the next one right!

Can: ...t!

Bottle: ...n do this together!

Can: ...shows up on the screen and Soda Can reads it]

Bottle: ...ng bins but not always recycled?

Can: ...one! It's me!

Bottle: ...ctly, but plastic! Many types of plastic are not

Can: ...even though people often think they are!

Bottle: ...o hear that, buddy.

Can: ...ple know about recycling, the better

Bottle: ...n choose reusable water...



BUILD FLUENCY & COMPREHENSION WITH PARTNERS!

THE RECYCLING GAME



Soda Can and Water Bottle participate in the Recycling Games and learn about recycling.



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[Projected onto a screen.]
How long does it take for an aluminum can to

10 days!

Get it right!]

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clean them first!

Card can be recycled seven times.

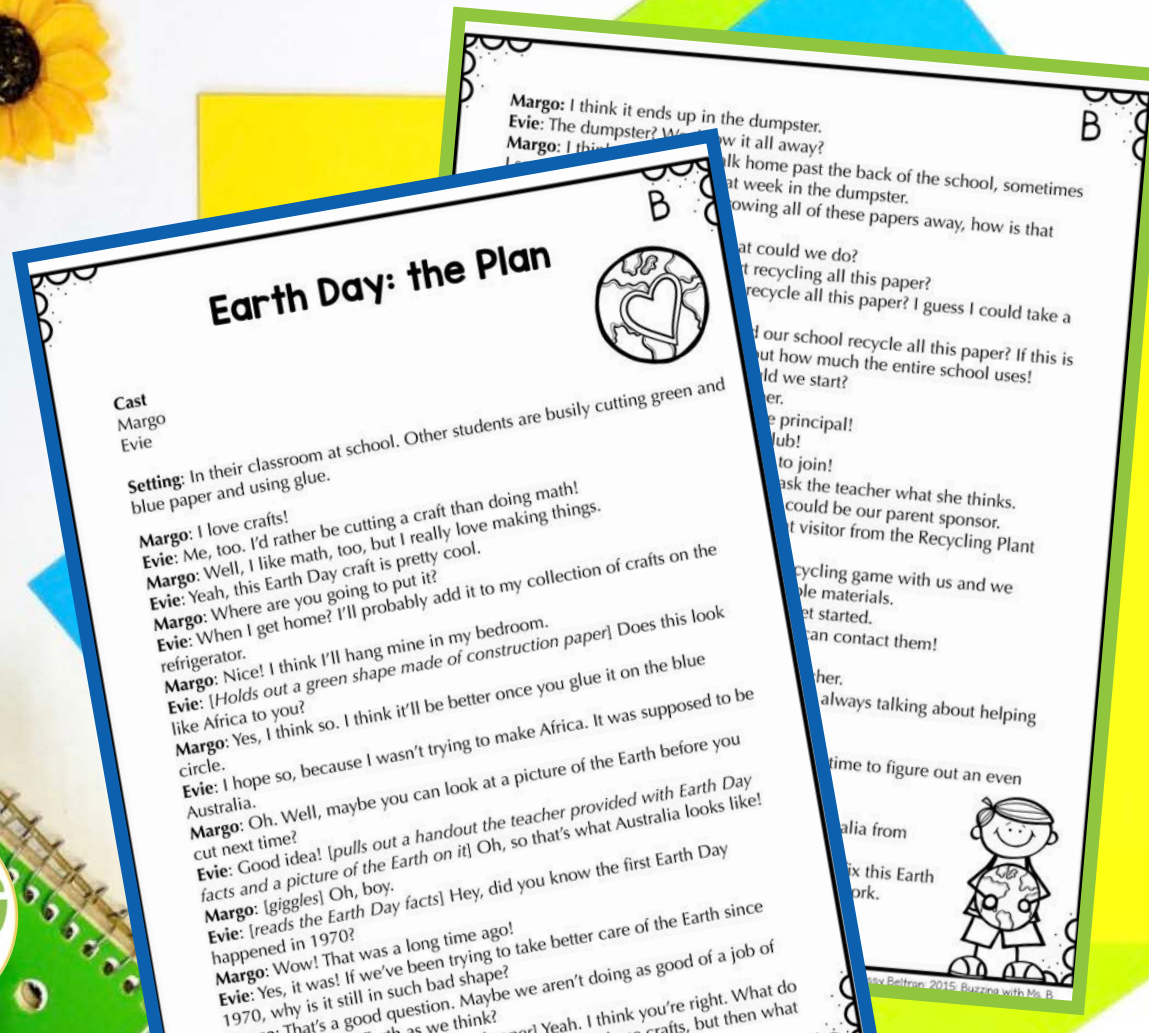
they got it wrong.]

Get the next one right!

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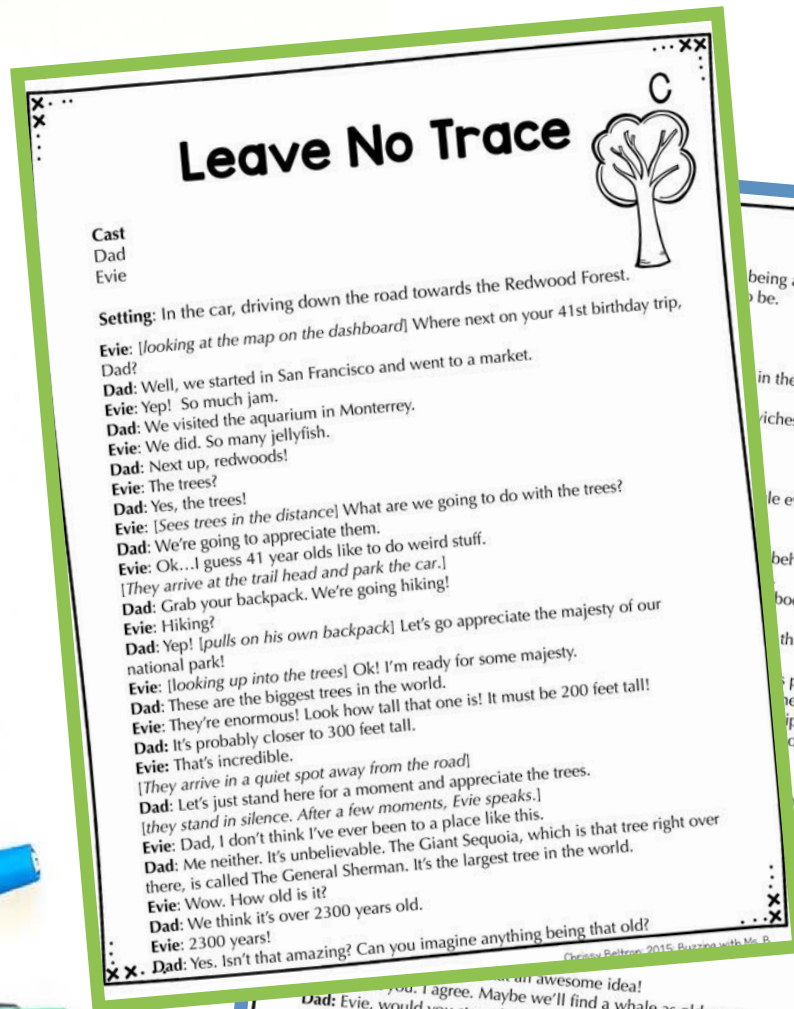
EARTH DAY: THE PLAN

Margo and Evie make a craft in their classroom on Earth Day and come up with a recycling plan.



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LEAVE NO TRACE



Dad and Evie
visit the
redwoods in
California and
appreciate
nature.



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IN THE BIN



Stryo, the styrofoam cup, tries to convince Compost Bin to let him jump in.

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HOW TO USE THESE PLAYS!

**BELL
RINGER**

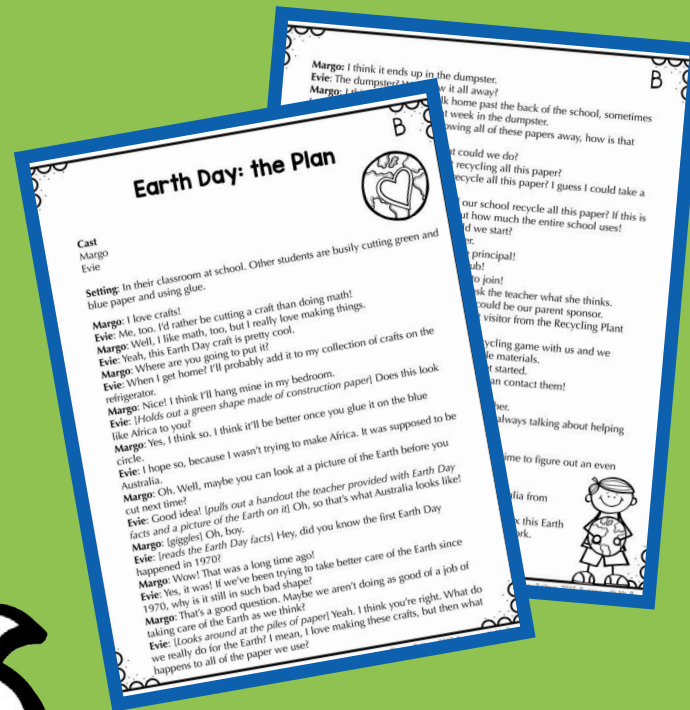
**SMALL GROUP
WARMUP**

**DAILY
WARM-UP**

**FLUENCY
READ**

**CENTER
OR STATION**

**CLASS PARTY
OR FUN DAY**



WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT PARTNER PLAYS

"Enjoyable and humorous two person scripts that are an easy way for students to practice skills used in expressive reading. Fun for paired reading."

"I teach primarily ESL/ELL learners and we use reader's theater scripts to practice fluency skills and pronunciation development. My students LOVED these scripts. Especially "Dinner Time." It was funny and kept their attention."

"My students love these partner plays. Partner plays give each student ample opportunities to practice smooth, expressive reading."

"My class loved using these in my fluency center! We even performed for the class during the last weeks of school."

