

Talk about ongoing actions and situations

- 1 Have you ever heard of Earth Day? When is it? What do you think it is and where is it celebrated? Read the introduction and check your answers.

- 2 078 **Read and listen**
Answer the quiz questions.

April 22nd is Earth Day. It is celebrated in over 180 countries, which makes it the biggest non-religious celebration in the world! People have been celebrating Earth Day since 1970. It began in the U.S. as a protest against a big environmental disaster, when an oil spill* polluted the coast of California. It has been an international event since 1990, and today it's a global celebration of our natural environment.

EARTH DAY

Measure your eco-footprint!

Among other things, Earth Day encourages people to consider the size of their ecological footprint—how much their lifestyle impacts the planet. Take our quiz and find out how many of the Earth's resources you have been using and how your activities have been affecting the world.



*oil spill = an escape of oil into the sea or ocean

- 1 How much meat have you eaten this week?
a none or very little b a little every day
c a lot every day
- 2 How many new clothes have you bought this month?
a None. I rarely buy new clothes. b Not many.
c A lot. I go shopping all the time.
- 3 How long have you been recycling?
a For years. b I've started recently.
c I don't recycle.
- 4 How many times have you traveled by car this week?
a once or not at all b a few times c every day
- 5 How many times have you traveled by plane this year?
a none b twice c more than twice

SCORE a = 0 points b = 1 point c = 2 points

YOUR TOTALS
0-3 Great job! You're an eco-warrior!
4-7 You've made a good start at reducing your footprint.
8-10 Oh no! It's time to get green!

- 3 **Pairwork** Calculate and discuss your scores. How big is your eco-footprint? Do the results surprise you? What can you do to improve your score?
- 4 Look at the highlighted sentences in the text. Complete the rules with the correct tense—the *present perfect simple* or the *present perfect progressive*.

Present perfect simple vs. present perfect progressive (1)

Use the 1 to talk about an action or activity that began in the past and continues in the present.

Use the 2 to talk about a situation that began in the past and continues in the present.

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- 5 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 We've **known** / **been knowing** about global warming for over 100 years.
- 2 The activists have **protested** / **been protesting** in the streets since this morning.
- 3 You've **played** / **been playing** video games since lunch! It's time to do your homework.
- 4 I've always **liked** / **been liking** this song.
- 5 How long has he **been** / **been being** a teacher?

- 6 Write questions using *How long ...?* to find out more about each situation.

My best friend's name is Pedro.

How long have you known him?

- 1 My grandmother lives with us.
- 2 They have a French lesson on Thursday.
- 3 Sam needs a new cell phone.
- 4 I play piano in a jazz band.
- 5 We're on vacation in Belize.

- 7 **Pairwork** Tell your partner ...

- what you've been doing since you woke up.
- who you've spoken to today.
- what you've been thinking about lately.
- what you've been studying this term.
- if you have done anything good or bad for the planet today.

I've been going to classes and studying since I got up this morning.

