Dear Educators,

American farmer, philosopher, and writer Wendell Berry once said, “The earth is what we all have in common.” On April 22, people across the globe will celebrate our planet and discuss ways we can preserve and protect it. We hope this special Earth Day lesson that focuses on gerunds will provide you and your students with both an opportunity to focus on an important grammatical form, and a forum to discuss ways in which we can preserve and protect the earth.

Sincerely,
The Grammar Gallery Team

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Earth Day Facts

Earth Day is a call to action on issues related to the protection of land, water, and air.

Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22. The first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970. It is estimated that about 20 million people participated in the first Earth Day celebration.

Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-WI) led the effort in Congress to make Earth Day an official day.

Since the first Earth Day, Congress has passed many landmark pieces of environmental legislation, including the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.
Gerunds

A gerund is the –ing form of a verb that is used as a noun. We use gerunds to name things such as qualities, actions, and ideas.

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<th>What can you do to help preserve and protect the earth?</th>
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DIRECTIONS: Create a sentence about each picture. Include a gerund in each sentence.

Example:

Conserving water is one way to help our planet.
KEEP
THIS PLANET CLEAN
DIRECTIONS: Write a sentence to go with each picture. Include a gerund in each sentence.

Example:

Recycling is easy to do!

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