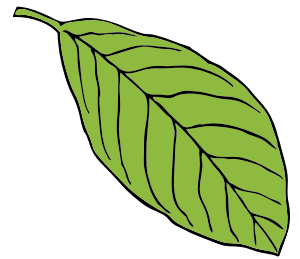
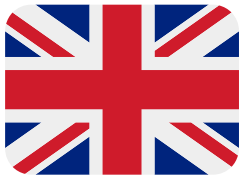




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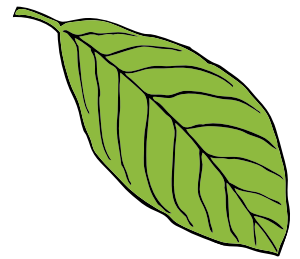
## GOOD PRACTICE 16 A



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Global Holiday Research Activity</b>
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Latvia - LV</b>
<b>MODULE</b>	<b>2a - Climate Change</b>
<b>CLASSROOM ACTIVITY OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Classroom activity</b>
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<p><b>You will be given a short reading passage about a Global Holiday. Other students will be given different reading passages. Read yours carefully and complete the outline for your holiday in the 'Global Holiday Research Form'.</b></p> <p><b>Try to complete the 'Global Holiday Research Form' by asking other students questions to get the information you need.</b></p> <p><b>Ask questions like this:</b>  <b>What Global Holiday do you have?</b>  <b>When and where did this holiday start?</b>  <b>On what day is your holiday celebrated?</b>  <b>What is the purpose of this holiday?</b>  <b>How many people and countries participate?</b>  <b>What kinds of activities and events take place?</b></p> <p><b>Listen and write down the answers to your questions. Don't read or copy other students' reading passages or notes. If you don't understand, ask for a repetition or explanation. E.g., Sorry, could you repeat that?</b>  <b>Sorry, how do you spell that?</b>  <b>Excuse me, could you explain that?</b></p> <p><b>Discuss with your partner</b>  <b>1. Which of these Global Holidays would you most like to participate in? Why?</b>  <b>2. Think of some activities or events you could hold in your areas to celebrate the Global Holiday you each chose.</b>  <b>3. Think of another Global Holiday that you think should be celebrated (e.g., Tree Day).</b>  <b>4. Think of some activities or events that people in your areas could participate in to celebrate your Global Holidays (e.g., planting trees, tree climbing race, etc.).</b></p>
<b>TYPE OF ACTIVITY</b>	<b>Collaborative Research and Discussion</b>



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## GOOD PRACTICE 16 B



### EXTRA MATERIALS

**Earth Day is a global holiday to celebrate the wonder of life on our planet. It was first celebrated in San Francisco in the United States on April 22nd, 1970. In its first year, more than 20 million people demonstrated to demand that the US government make environmental issues a priority, and thousands of schools and local communities also participated. It has now become a special day to teach everyone about the things that need changing in our local and global environment. In 1990, 200 million people in 141 nations around the world held Earth Walks, Festivals, Eco-Book Fairs, Beach and River Clean-ups, Tree Planting events and Environmental exhibitions and seminars. Now, over 500 million people in over 180 countries hold Earth Day events and projects to address local environmental issues.**

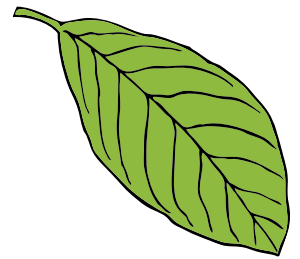
**Buy Nothing Day was started in 1992 by the Media Foundation, a group based in Vancouver, Canada. The purpose of Buy Nothing Day is to ask people to not shop for a day and instead to spend time with family and friends. It is celebrated on the last weekend in November when the Christmas shopping period begins. It was started as a means of challenging over-consumption and the waste that consumption produces by asking people to consider if they really need all the things they are buying and to consider the personal, social and environmental effects of our shopping addiction. Now, Buy Nothing Day is celebrated in more than 62 countries and more than one million people participate in events. These include street theatre outside major department stores, meditating in Santa Claus costumes, cutting-up-credit-card events and free food parties.**

**Clean Up the World Day is held during the third weekend in September and began in 1993. The idea was started by one man, Ian Kiernan, an Australian yachtsman who was horrified by how much ocean pollution he saw during a solo around-the-world yacht race in 1989. He organized a 'Clean Up Sydney Harbour Day' with 40,000 volunteers and in 1990, 300,000 volunteers joined in a 'Clean Up Australia Day'. The goal of Clean Up the World Day is to protect and conserve the environment for our children and the future by cleaning up local waterways, streets and parks, planting trees and holding environmental education activities. Now, over 35 million volunteers from 121 countries participate, bringing together businesses, community groups, schools, governments and individuals in cleaning up, fixing up and conserving their local environments.**

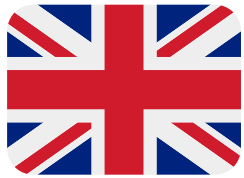
**World Car-Free Day is a very important holiday on the environmental calendar. Every September 22, governments, green groups and ordinary citizens highlight the damage cars are doing to the Earth. The day is a reminder that we do not need to rely so much on cars. Those who take part hope others will realize we do not have to accept our car-dominated society. World Car-Free Day is not only a celebration of fun ways to get around the city, but a demonstration of what is possible: unclogged streets, clean air, and city traffic participants with their usual stress levels turned down drastically. World Car-Free Day aims to take a sizeable number of cars off the streets for all or part of a day. This will give people a chance to see what their town might look like with a lot fewer cars. The idea for this day came in October 1994 at the International Accessible Cities Conference in Toledo, Spain. The European Union adopted the idea in 2000. Today, as many as 100 million people in over 1,500 cities worldwide celebrate this day. There are many critics of the day. They say it is a one-day gimmick and does not make people give up their cars for the rest of the year. They say what is needed is a move towards a more sustainable city transportation system.**



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## GOOD PRACTICE 16 C



### EXTRA MATERIALS

**World Animal Day was started in 1931 at a convention of ecologists in Florence, Italy to call attention to endangered species. It is held on October 4th and is now celebrated in over 20 countries by tens of thousands of people. Its mission is to celebrate animal life and humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom by recognizing the many roles animals play in our lives such as providing us with food, being our companions and helpers and bringing us a sense of wonder. On World Animal Day, animal welfare groups, animal sanctuaries, schools and individuals hold special events to increase peoples' awareness about animal issues such as animal testing, endangered species, habitat destruction, abandoned pets and factory farming. Many events take place such as Animal Adoption Festivals, Animal Charity Sponsored Runs and Walks and Farm and Animal Shelter visits.**

### Global Holiday Research Form

## GLOBAL HOLIDAY RESEARCH FORM

### HYPERLINKS TO INTERACTIVE PLATFORMS

<b>Holiday Name</b>	
<b>Year &amp; Place of Origin</b>	
<b>When Celebrated</b>	
<b>Purpose of Holiday</b>	
<b>Number of People and Countries that Participate</b>	
<b>Activities &amp; Events</b>	