Earth Day

The first Earth Day was held in 1970. In 1971 U Thant, the United Nations Secretary-General, said, "May there be peaceful and cheerful Earth Days to come for our beautiful Spaceship Earth as it continues to spin and circle in frigid space with its warm and fragile cargo of animate life." (U Thant was Burmese. In the Burmese language ‘U’ is a title similar to ‘Mister’).

Since then, every year there is a day that is dedicated to the promotion of global environmental issues and environmental awareness. There is also an unofficial Earth Day flag that shows an image of the Earth taken from space by NASA.

1. Read Earth Day. Circle the noun groups.

2. Find the number adjective in Earth Day. Write it on the line.

3. Complete the table to create noun groups.

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<th>Describing adjective</th>
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4. Think of a book, rhyme, fairytale, or song title that have a number adjective in them, such as 'Three Blind Mice'. List them below. Then compare your list with a friend's.

5. Direct speech is the actual speech someone says. It is written inside speech marks. "I want to go to the party!" cried Lucia.

6. Underline the direct speech in Earth Day.

7. Rewrite each sentence with correct punctuation.
I read a poem on assembly said Tara

- we gave my little cousin a book for his birthday said Victoria

- my teacher read us a quote by U Thant about earth day said Bing

- did you know that U in Burmese means mister asked Lauren

- imagine travelling on a space flight to Mars said Phoebe

8. Verbs can be turned into nouns. This is called nominalisation. Nominalisation enables more concepts to fit into a sentence. It can make texts seem more technical.

   promoting (VERB) global issues ➔ the promotion (NOUN) of global issues

9. Use each verb in a sentence. Then change each verb to a noun. Now use the noun in a sentence. Hint! To help you work out the noun, put the in front of it.

   verb: attend
   noun: attended

   verb: require
   noun: requirement

   verb: behave
   noun: behaviour

   verb: attract
   noun: attraction

Try it yourself! Find a famous quote and record it as direct speech. Share it with your class. Say why you like it and why you think it is memorable. Tell your classmates the circumstances under which the quote was made.