

1 Read the text and complete the gaps (1-8) with words from the list below.

• single-use • planting • lifestyle • clean-ups • awareness • pollution • species • experts

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED)

On 5th June every year, countries around the world celebrate World Environment Day. The United Nations established this annual celebration in 1972 as a way of raising **1)** _____ about environmental issues such as global warming, endangered **2)** _____, pollution and deforestation. In 1974, the first WED was held with the theme 'Only One Earth'. Every year, World Environment Day has a different theme, for example, biodiversity, plastic **3)** _____ or recycling. This gives environmental **4)** _____ a great opportunity to educate people about these topics and get them involved in helping to protect the future of our planet.

Lots of events take place on World Environment Day such as festivals, school workshops or community events, tree **5)** _____ or beach **6)** _____. People also make promises to live a green **7)** _____ or do something to help the environment. For instance, they may promise to stop using **8)** _____ plastics such as plastic bags, cups and drinking straws that are used once and thrown away, or to use public transport rather than always travelling by car.

World Environment Day reminds us that this planet belongs to all of us and that we all need to take great care of it.

2 Complete the definitions to solve the crossword puzzle.

Down

- 1** _____ is when dangerous materials such as litter or plastics build up in the environment.
- 2** An _____ species is an animal or plant that is at risk of extinction.
- 3** Environmental _____ are professionals who know a lot about environmental issues.

Across

- 4** A beach _____ is an event where people pick up litter.
- 5** A _____ plastic item is something that people only use once.

3 Prepare a class poster with actions that you are going to take in order to help protect the environment.

