
EcoWarrior Activities

A. True or False: read the article and decide if the sentence is true or false. If it's false, then correct the mistake.

1. Xiuhtezcatl Martinez is a young Native American gangster who fights to save the environment. True False _____

2. Because his name is complicated, people call him X. True False _____

3. When he was five, he had the idea to save the planet by closing all the shops and cinemas. True False _____
4. When he was six, he realised that it was citizens, who buy products factories make, that have the power. True False _____
5. He realised this after seeing the film-documentary *The Eleventh Hour*, by Leonardo DiCaprio. True False _____
6. The documentary touched him so much he made a rap song, that he sang at his school. True False _____
7. X lives in Boulder, Texas, with his parents and seven brothers and sisters. True False _____
8. His father is Mexican, so X grew up with Aztec traditions, music and dance. True False _____
9. Aztecs believed that they were the guardians of the Earth, which means they had the power to use the planet's resources as they wished. True False _____

10. His father founded an organisation called the Earth Guardians. True False _____

11. The Earth Guardians of Colorado organise ecological projects like fighting against pesticides and not using plastic bags. True False _____

12. X participated in the COP21 summit and was the youngest speaker to address the United Nations on climate problems. True False _____

13. He thinks that only important people can help make a better future. True False _____
14. He encourages people to do whatever they love, their passion, to help in environmental problems like being a poet, a photographer or an activist. True False _____

15. X writes and performs rap songs with his older sister and brother. True False _____

B. These definitions match a word in the article. Find the words and fill in the grid. Find the mystery word using the letters in the grey boxes.

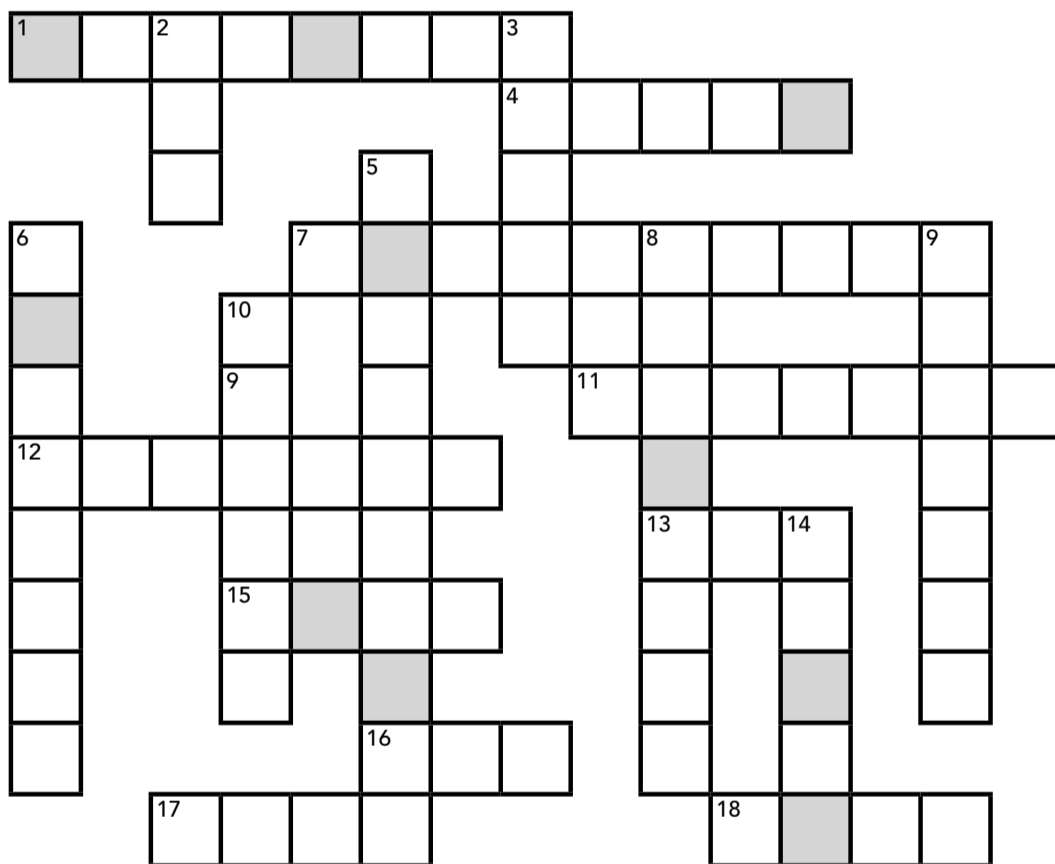
Across

- 1. That you can use again.
- 4. Xiuhtezcatl is a descendant of this indigenous Mexican culture.
- 7. Chemicals that protect plants.
- 11. This type of bags cause pollution.
- 12. Values, customs, intellectual and artistic creations.
- 13. Type of music where the singer speaks the words of the song.
- 15. What citizens do in elections.
- 16. Petroleum.
- 17. Aged 13-19.
- 18. To get bigger.

Down

- 2. The country where X lives.
- 3. The name of our planet.
- 5. An age group.
- 6. A method of extracting oil.
- 8. X lives in the state of _____
- 9. When you study biology, physics, chemistry, mathematics, you are studying...
- 10. The first people to live on the American continents.
- 14. X believes that citizens have _____: they can influence society.

Mystery word: ____ - _____



C. "ING"

We can use the *-ing* form on a verb after:

- verbs of taste: *like, love, enjoy, hate, dislike...*

- verbs of "action and command" (*stop, start, commence, cease, finish...*) to indicate that an action or event should begin or end.

1. Conjugate the verbs in each sentence.

- a. X _____ (start, try) to help the environment when he was very young.
- b. Boulder parks _____ (stop, use) pesticides and use natural products instead.
- c. Shops _____ (stop, give) free plastic bags.
- d. X and his little brother _____ (begin, write and perform) raps as a way to talk about environmental problems.

2. Now put these sentences back in the correct order. Don't forget to conjugate the verbs!

a. he / protecting / the / talk / Xiuhtezcatl Martinez / planet / start / when / about / was / five years old

b. thinks / should / factories / stop / He / buy / people / products / make

c. future / Native Americans / the / generations / enjoy / planet / preserve / for

d. really / the / like / X / United Nations / address

3. What about you? Write a sentence or two for each answer you give.

a. What have you started or stopped doing to help the environment?

b. What do you enjoy doing to help the planet?

c. What do you hate reading about ecology in the news?

