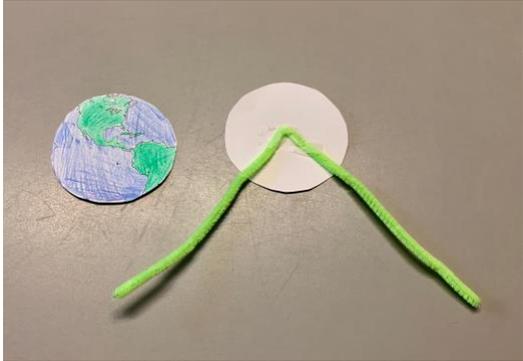


Balancing Earth Toy

The big challenges facing Earth today can be balanced out when people take care of our environment. Can you help balance the Earth?

Materials Needed:

- Earth circle (see page 2) printed on cardstock (or draw your own on thick paper)
- Crayons, colored pencils, or pens
- Scissors
- Tape
- Pipe cleaner (you can also use 5 to 6 garbage bag twist ties connected together)
- Weights – pasta, paperclips, rubber bands, small pieces of paper, twist ties, etc.



What to do:

1. Color and cut out one set of Earth circles (2 sides).
2. Fold a pipe cleaner in half and open it into a wide angle. Tape it to the back of one Earth circle.
3. Tape the Earth circles together and bend up both ends of the pipe cleaner.
4. Hang weights on both sides of the Earth. Use pasta with holes, paperclips, rubber bands, or even pieces of paper – get creative!
5. Can you balance the Earth on your finger? Try adding more or less weight on each side.

Earth Challenges

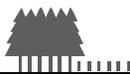
TOO MUCH TRASH



AIR AND WATER POLLUTION



ANIMALS LOSING HABITAT





Can you think of other positive actions people can take to help the Earth stay balanced and healthy?

Positive Actions

<p>USE LESS WATER</p> <p>Take shorter showers</p> <p>Turn off water when brushing teeth</p> 	<p>KEEP EARTH CLEAN</p> <p>Pick up litter</p> <p>Use reusable grocery bags</p> <p>Buy things with less packaging</p> 
<p>USE LESS ENERGY</p> <p>Ride your bike or walk instead of driving</p> <p>Unplug electronics when not using them</p> <p>Use energy-saving light bulbs</p> 	<p>KEEP EARTH BALANCED</p> <p>Plant a tree</p> <p>Protect wild places</p> <p>Keep learning about the environment!</p> 

