

## Planet Earth at the End of Each Day:

### A Little Bit Changed and Mostly the Same

Here's a theory: At the end of today, Planet Earth will be a little bit changed and mostly the same. A lot changes in a day. Each day:

- 385,000 babies are born. They are Planet Earth's newest people, until tomorrow.
- Every person is a day older.
- Every building, car, sofa, television, and many, many other things are a day older.
- Many people have changed their location. Some people drive their car, take a bus, ride a train or a boat to another place. They may fly to another place, too.
- Some plants are bigger, all plants are older, and some trees have fallen.
- According to the National Earthquake Information Center, there have been about 50 earthquakes, most of them unnoticed.



At the end of each day, it is likely that there have been more changes on Planet Earth than anyone could count before tomorrow.

Even with all of the changes, Planet Earth looks pretty much the same. The really, really big things don't change very much. The Earth continues to travel

around the sun. Oceans, mountains, rivers, and valleys are in about the same place that they have been in for many years.

People depend on Planet Earth to stay mostly the same. It helps them to plan their year, month, and day. It helps them to know, pretty much but not entirely, what life will be like tomorrow. It helps them to feel comfortable, so they can focus on what is important to them.

With all of the changes on Planet Earth, at the end of each day there are many things that stay mostly the same, like they were the day before.