Слайд 2

1. The planet Earth is 4,600 million years old.

2. It is difficult for us to think about such an enormous length of time.

3. However, we can simplify the idea to make it more understandable.

4. We can compare the planet Earth to a person of 46 years old.

Слайд 3

5. Nothing is known about the first 7 years of this person’s life.

6. Very little information exists about the middle period either.

7. It was only at the age of 42 that the Earth began to flower.

8. Dinosaurs and great reptiles did not appear until one year ago, when the planet was 45.

9. Mammals only arrived 8 months ago.

10. In the middle of last week, man-like apes became ape-like men and began to communicate with each other.

11. Last weekend, the Ice Age covered the Earth.

12. Modern man has only been around for 4 hours.

13. During the last hour, man discovered agriculture.

14. The industrial Revolution and the rise of large cities began **just** 60 seconds ago.

15. During those 60 seconds, modern man has made a rubbish tip of the Earth.

16. In one minute, he has increased his number to terrible proportions, and has caused the death of hundreds of species of animals.

17. He has robbed and destroyed the planet in his search for fuels.

Cлайд 4

18. Now he stands, like a spoilt child on the edge of the final mass destruction.