

WORLD RELIGION DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Religion Day takes place every year on the third Sunday in January. Its aim is to help people understand religions other than their own. It hopes to promote understanding and harmony by focusing on the things that are common to all religions. Things like love, forgiveness, treating others with respect and protecting our world. The World Religion Day website says that "Religion must be the cause of unity". The site also says that World Religion Day is "dedicated towards encouraging the leaders and followers of every religion to acknowledge the similarities in each of our sacred Faiths." World Religion Day is a time for all of us to understand that we are all one people of the Earth and we must act and work together for peace.

On World Religion Day, it is a good idea to understand how similar the great world religions are in their beliefs. Look at these writings from different religions. Are they similar to your own religion's teaching? Buddhism states: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." This is similar to Christianity, which teaches us to: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," and Judaism: "What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man." The Baha'I Faith tells us that: "Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself." This teaching is very similar to Islam, which says: "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself." In Sikhism "No one is my enemy, none a stranger and everyone is my friend."

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. on the third Sunday | a. and harmony |
| 2. help people understand religions other | b. in January |
| 3. It hopes to promote understanding | c. together for peace |
| 4. treating others | d. our sacred Faiths |
| 5. acknowledge the similarities in each of | e. than their own |
| 6. we must act and work | f. with respect |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. understand how similar the great | a. to Christianity |
| 2. similar to your own religion's | b. similar to Islam |
| 3. This is similar | c. before himself |
| 4. Blessed is he who prefers his brother | d. and everyone is my friend |
| 5. This teaching is very | e. world religions are |
| 6. No one is my enemy, none a stranger | f. teaching |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Religion Day takes place every _____ Sunday in January. Its aim is to help people understand religions _____. It hopes to promote understanding and harmony by focusing on the things that _____ religions. Things like love, forgiveness, treating others with respect and protecting our world. The World Religion Day website says that "Religion must _____ ". The site also says that World Religion Day is "dedicated towards encouraging the leaders and followers of every religion to acknowledge _____ each of our sacred Faiths." World Religion Day is a time for all of us to understand that we are all one people of the Earth and _____ together for peace.

On World Religion Day, it is _____ understand how similar the great world religions _____. Look at these writings from different religions. Are they similar to your own religion's teaching? Buddhism states: "Hurt not others _____ yourself would find hurtful." This is similar to Christianity, which teaches us to: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," and Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not _____." The Baha'I Faith tells us that: "Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself." This teaching _____ Islam, which says: "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself." In Sikhism "No _____, none a stranger and everyone is my friend."

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Religion Day takes _____ every year on the third Sunday in January. Its aim is to help people understand religions _____ than their own. It hopes to promote understanding and harmony by focusing on the things that are _____ to all religions. Things like love, forgiveness, treating others with _____ and protecting our world. The World Religion Day website says that "Religion must be the _____ of unity". The site also says that World Religion Day is "dedicated towards encouraging the leaders and _____ of every religion to acknowledge the similarities in each of our sacred Faiths." World Religion Day is a _____ for all of us to understand that we are all one people of the Earth and we must act and work together for _____.

followers
respect
common
peace
place
cause
time
other

On World Religion Day, it is a good _____ to understand how similar the great world religions are in their _____. Look at these writings from _____ religions. Are they similar to your own religion's teaching? Buddhism states: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would _____ hurtful." This is similar to Christianity, which teaches us to: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," and Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not to your _____ man." The Baha'I Faith tells us that: "Blessed is he who prefers his brother before _____." This teaching is very similar to Islam, which says: "No one of you is a believer until he _____ for his brother that which he desires for himself." In Sikhism "No one is my _____, none a stranger and everyone is my friend."

fellow
find
desires
different
idea
enemy
himself
beliefs

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

World Religion Day takes *placed / place* every year on the third Sunday in January. Its aim is to help people understand religions *another / other* than their own. It hopes to promote understanding and harmony by focusing on the things that *are / aren't* common to all religions. Things like love, forgiveness, treating others *without / with* respect and protecting our world. The World Religion Day website says that "Religion must be the *because / cause* of unity". The site also says that World Religion Day is "dedicated towards encouraging the leaders and followers of every religion *for / to* acknowledge the similarities in each of our sacred Faiths." World Religion Day is a time for *every / all* of us to understand that we are all one people of the Earth and we must act and work together *to / for* peace.

On World Religion Day, it is a good *idea / ideas* to understand how *similar / similarity* the great world religions are in their beliefs. Look at these *writings / written* from different religions. Are they similar to your own religion's *teaching / teachers*? Buddhism states: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." This is similar to Christianity, which *teaches / teach* us to: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," and Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man." The Baha'I Faith *tells / telling* us that: "Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself." This teaching is very similar to Islam, which says: "No one of you is a *belief / believer* until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself." In Sikhism "No one is my enemy, *none / no* a stranger and everyone is my friend."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Religion Day takes (1) _____ every year on the third Sunday in January. Its aim is to help people understand religions (2) _____ than their own. It hopes to promote understanding and harmony by focusing on the things that are common to (3) _____ religions. Things like love, forgiveness, treating others (4) _____ respect and protecting our world. The World Religion Day website says that "Religion must be the cause of (5) _____ ". The site also says that World Religion Day is "dedicated towards encouraging the leaders and (6) _____ of every religion to acknowledge the similarities in each of our sacred Faiths." World Religion Day is a time for all of us to understand that we are all one people of the Earth and we must act and work together for peace.

On World Religion Day, it is a good idea to understand how similar the (7) _____ world religions are in their beliefs. Look at these writings from different religions. Are they similar to your own religion's (8) _____? Buddhism states: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find (9) _____." This is similar to Christianity, which teaches us to: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," and Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not to your (10) _____ man." The Baha'I Faith tells us that: "Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself." This teaching is very similar to Islam, which says: "No one of you is a (11) _____ until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself." In Sikhism "No one is my (12) _____, none a stranger and everyone is my friend."

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) places | (b) place | (c) placed | (d) placing |
| 2. | (a) another | (b) others | (c) the other | (d) other |
| 3. | (a) each | (b) every | (c) all | (d) whole |
| 4. | (a) for | (b) with | (c) to | (d) at |
| 5. | (a) unity | (b) unite | (c) untie | (d) auntie |
| 6. | (a) followers | (b) follows | (c) following | (d) followed |
| 7. | (a) grate | (b) greet | (c) great | (d) gate |
| 8. | (a) taught | (b) teacher | (c) tuition | (d) teaching |
| 9. | (a) hurts | (b) hurt | (c) hurtful | (d) hurtle |
| 10. | (a) fellows | (b) fellow | (c) fellowship | (d) fellowships |
| 11. | (a) believe | (b) belief | (c) believing | (d) believer |
| 12. | (a) enemy | (b) cousin | (c) boss | (d) sibling |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the driht Sunday in January
2. promote understanding and mnyaroh
3. treating oehrts with respect
4. the cause of ntyui
5. orlsofwel of every religion
6. work together for apec

Paragraph 2

7. how irslima the great world religions are
8. nsrtwgii from different religions
9. you yourself would find hutuflr
10. he who frespre his brother
11. he idsrsee for his brother
12. No one is my meney

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () states: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." This is similar to Christianity, which teaches us
- () beliefs. Look at these writings from different religions. Are they similar to your own religion's teaching? Buddhism
- (**1**) World Religion Day takes place every year on the third Sunday in January. Its aim is to help people understand
- () World Religion Day is "dedicated towards encouraging the leaders and followers of every religion to
- () all one people of the Earth and we must act and work together for peace.
- () fellow man." The Baha'I Faith tells us that: "Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself." This teaching
- () religions other than their own. It hopes to promote understanding and harmony by focusing on the things
- () that are common to all religions. Things like love, forgiveness, treating others with respect and protecting our
- () world. The World Religion Day website says that "Religion must be the cause of unity". The site also says that
- () acknowledge the similarities in each of our sacred Faiths." World Religion Day is a time for all of us to understand that we are
- () On World Religion Day, it is a good idea to understand how similar the great world religions are in their
- () desires for himself." In Sikhism "No one is my enemy, none a stranger and everyone is my friend."
- () to: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," and Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not to your
- () is very similar to Islam, which says: "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. own their than other religions understand people help

2. common religions the are all on that to focusing things

3. of Religion be cause unity must the

4. similarities the Faiths sacred our of each in

5. work and act must we peace for together

6. similar great religions how the world are

7. What to is you hateful

8. prefers Blessed his is brother he before who himself

9. is similar Islam teaching very to This

10. is a my stranger enemy No , one none

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE WORLD RELIGION DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Religion Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about World Religion Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Religion Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about World Religion Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.