

SINGLES AWARENESS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Singles Awareness Day (SAD) is a holiday for those who like not being attached. It is on the same day as Valentine's Day, but some people want it either side so it is not overshadowed by roses, chocolates, cards, cupids and hearts. On SAD, singles around the world go out and celebrate their single status. They want to show that being single is a reason to celebrate and that you don't have to have a partner to be happy. People who celebrate this day greet one another with the greeting "Happy SAD!" Other people send themselves flowers, buy themselves chocolates and send themselves Happy SAD cards. It's all a good excuse for singles to have some fun and spoil themselves for a day.

In Japan, China and South Korea, singles have taken their partner-less status a step further. They have created "Lovers Go Die" clubs. This is a movement against PDAs (public displays of affection). Members oppose the immorality of lovers, people who sleep around, those who have one-night stands and people who kiss and fondle in public. They discourage couples from getting caught up in the commercialization of Valentine's Day. They want couples to avoid overpriced dinners, gifts and flowers. They point out that being single is a good way of saving money. There are other benefits. Singles have fewer arguments, and they can choose what movie to watch and which restaurant to go to.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. a holiday for those who like | <i>a.</i> fun and spoil themselves |
| 2. ... go out and celebrate their single | <i>b.</i> reason to celebrate |
| 3. being single is a | <i>c.</i> not being attached |
| 4. you don't have to have a | <i>d.</i> status |
| 5. Other people send | <i>e.</i> partner to be happy |
| 6. a good excuse for singles to have some | <i>f.</i> themselves flowers |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. singles have taken their partner-less | <i>a.</i> of Valentine's Day |
| 2. public displays of | <i>b.</i> movie to watch |
| 3. caught up in the commercialization | <i>c.</i> way of saving money |
| 4. They want couples to avoid | <i>d.</i> status a step further |
| 5. being single is a good | <i>e.</i> overpriced dinners |
| 6. they can choose what | <i>f.</i> affection |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Singles Awareness Day (SAD) is a holiday _____ not being attached. It is on the same day as Valentine's Day, but some people want _____ it is not overshadowed by roses, chocolates, cards, cupids and hearts. On SAD, singles around the world go out and celebrate _____. They want to show that being single is a reason to celebrate and that you don't have to have a partner to be happy. People who celebrate this _____ with the greeting "Happy SAD!" Other people send themselves flowers, buy themselves chocolates and send themselves Happy SAD cards. It's all a good excuse for singles to have some fun and _____ for a day.

In Japan, China and South Korea, singles have taken their _____ a step further. They have created "Lovers Go Die" clubs. This is a movement against PDAs (_____ affection). Members oppose the immorality of lovers, people who sleep around, those who have one-night stands and people who kiss and fondle in public. They discourage couples from _____ in the commercialization of Valentine's Day. They want couples to avoid overpriced dinners, gifts and flowers. They _____ single is a good way of saving money. There are other benefits. Singles have _____, and they can choose what movie to watch and which restaurant to go to.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

Singles Awareness Day (SAD) is a holiday for those who like not being _____. It is on the same day as Valentine's Day, but some people want it either _____ so it is not overshadowed by roses, chocolates, cards, cupids and hearts. On SAD, singles around the world go out and celebrate their single _____. They want to show that being single is a _____ to celebrate and that you don't have to have a _____ to be happy. People who celebrate this day _____ one another with the greeting "Happy SAD!" Other people send themselves flowers, buy themselves chocolates and _____ themselves Happy SAD cards. It's all a good excuse for singles to have some fun and _____ themselves for a day.

side
attached
spoil
reason
greet
status
send
partner

In Japan, China and South Korea, singles have _____ their partner-less status a step further. They have _____ "Lovers Go Die" clubs. This is a movement _____ PDAs (public displays of affection). Members oppose the immorality of _____, people who sleep around, those who have one-night stands and people who kiss and fondle in _____. They discourage couples from getting caught up in the commercialization of Valentine's Day. They want couples to _____ overpriced dinners, gifts and flowers. They point out that being single is a good _____ of saving money. There are other benefits. Singles have _____ arguments, and they can choose what movie to watch and which restaurant to go to.

fewer
against
avoid
taken
lovers
way
created
public

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Singles Awareness Day (SAD) is a holiday for *those / these* who like not being attached. It is on the same day as Valentine's Day, but some people want it either *sides / side* so it is not overshadowed by roses, chocolates, cards, cupids and hearts. On SAD, singles around the world go *in / out* and celebrate their single status. They want to show that being single is *a / the* reason to celebrate and that you don't have to have a partner to be happy. People who celebrate this day *greeting / greet* one another with the greeting "Happy SAD!" *Other / Another* people send themselves flowers, buy themselves chocolates and send *themselves / them* Happy SAD cards. It's all a good excuse for singles to have some fun and *spoil / spill* themselves for a day.

In Japan, China and South Korea, singles have *taking / taken* their partner-less status a *step / stop* further. They have created "Lovers Go Die" clubs. This is a *moment / movement* against PDAs (public displays of affection). Members *oppose / opposite* the immorality of lovers, people who sleep around, those who have one-night stands and people who *kiss / kissing* and fondle in public. They discourage couples from getting caught *down / up* in the commercialization of Valentine's Day. They want couples to avoid overpriced dinners, gifts and flowers. They point *in / out* that being single is a good way of saving money. There are other benefits. Singles have *fewer / less* arguments, and they can choose what movie to watch and which restaurant to go to.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Singles Awareness Day (SAD) is a holiday for those who like not being (1) _____. It is on the same day as Valentine's Day, but some people want it (2) _____ side so it is not overshadowed by roses, chocolates, cards, cupids and hearts. On SAD, singles around the world go out and celebrate their single (3) _____. They want to show that being single is a reason to celebrate and that you don't have to have a partner to be happy. People who celebrate this day (4) _____ one another with the greeting "Happy SAD!" Other people send themselves flowers, buy themselves chocolates and send themselves Happy SAD cards. It's all a good (5) _____ for singles to have some fun and (6) _____ themselves for a day.

In Japan, China and South Korea, singles have taken their partner-less status a (7) _____ further. They have created "Lovers Go Die" clubs. This is a movement against PDAs (public displays of (8) _____). Members oppose the immorality of lovers, people who sleep around, those who have one-night stands and people who kiss and fondle in (9) _____. They discourage couples from getting caught up in the commercialization of Valentine's Day. They want couples to (10) _____ overpriced dinners, gifts and flowers. They point out that being single is a good way of saving money. There are other (11) _____. Singles have fewer arguments, and they can (12) _____ what movie to watch and which restaurant to go to.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) attach | (b) attached | (c) attaches | (d) attached |
| 2. | (a) neither | (b) either-or | (c) either | (d) neither-nor |
| 3. | (a) status quo | (b) status | (c) statuses | (d) stats |
| 4. | (a) greet | (b) greeters | (c) greetings | (d) greeting |
| 5. | (a) excuses | (b) excuse | (c) excuse me | (d) excusable |
| 6. | (a) spoiler | (b) spoiling | (c) spoil | (d) spoilt |
| 7. | (a) stop | (b) step | (c) stops | (d) steps |
| 8. | (a) affection | (b) affectionate | (c) affections | (d) affected |
| 9. | (a) publicity | (b) publicly | (c) public | (d) publicize |
| 10. | (a) avoidance | (b) avoiding | (c) avoids | (d) avoid |
| 11. | (a) beneficial | (b) benefit | (c) benefited | (d) benefits |
| 12. | (a) choose | (b) chose | (c) choice | (d) choosing |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. being edaactht
2. cdpius and hearts
3. single sattus
4. a reason to raecebetl
5. gteer one another
6. lspoi themselves for a day

Paragraph 2

7. a step trrfheu
8. upcbil displays of affection
9. people who sleep onadru
10. getting uthgca up in the commercialization
11. oaivd overpriced dinners
12. There are other ibtfnse

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () In Japan, China and South Korea, singles have taken their partner-less status a step further. They have
- () day greet one another with the greeting "Happy SAD!" Other people send themselves flowers, buy themselves
- () immorality of lovers, people who sleep around, those who have one-night stands and people who kiss and
- () hearts. On SAD, singles around the world go out and celebrate their single status. They want to show that being
- () single is a reason to celebrate and that you don't have to have a partner to be happy. People who celebrate this
- () Valentine's Day, but some people want it either side so it is not overshadowed by roses, chocolates, cards, cupid's and
- () chocolates and send themselves Happy SAD cards. It's all a good excuse for singles to have some
- () created "Lovers Go Die" clubs. This is a movement against PDAs (public displays of affection). Members oppose the
- () fewer arguments, and they can choose what movie to watch and which restaurant to go to.
- () fun and spoil themselves for a day.
- () out that being single is a good way of saving money. There are other benefits. Singles have
- (**1**) Singles Awareness Day (SAD) is a holiday for those who like not being attached. It is on the same day as
- () fondle in public. They discourage couples from getting caught up in the commercialization
- () of Valentine's Day. They want couples to avoid overpriced dinners, gifts and flowers. They point

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. not for like attached holiday who being a those.

2. being is reason celebrate single a to

3. have a be don't have to you to partner happy

4. people flowers send Other themselves

5. a good excuse for singles to have some fun It's all

6. further singles have taken their partner - less status a step

7. the in up caught Day Valentine's of commercialization

8. dinners want to overpriced They couples avoid

9. way single of is saving a money good being

10. movie to watch they can choose what

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 SINGLES AWARENESS DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Singles Awareness 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 Singles Awareness Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Singles Awareness 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 Singles Awareness 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.