

TRUE CONFESSIONS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

True Confessions Day is on March 15th. We're not really sure where it came from or how long it has been around. It seems a fun way to make your confessions and lose any guilty feelings you might have. How many bad things have you done in the past year? Did you always own up to them? True Confessions Day is the day to do it. You never know, your friends, family, boss, or whoever might thank you for it and think "Wow! What an honest person he or she is." I suppose you might have to be a little careful and make sure your confession doesn't get you into big trouble. We just looked at a website with these online confessions: "I put an insect in the customer's pizza." "It was me who let down your car's tyres."

Confession is an important part of our daily life. Many of us confess our sins as part of our religion. And some of us confess the truth to the police if we have been bad and committed a crime. Christians confess their sins to God and ask for forgiveness. In Buddhism, people confess their faults and wrongdoing to Buddha. In Islam, confession is one of the five pillars of the religion and Muslims seek forgiveness from God. There are many ways to confess. Some people do it alone, privately. Others go to a place of worship and talk to a religious leader. A new trend today is to confess on the Internet. If there's anything you need to get off your chest, you can do so online, and tell the world.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. We're not | a. he or she is |
| 2. It seems a fun way to make | b. your car's tyres |
| 3. own up | c. really sure |
| 4. What an honest person | d. to them |
| 5. make sure your confession doesn't | e. your confessions |
| 6. It was me who let down | f. get you into big trouble |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Confession is an important | a. off your chest |
| 2. Many of us confess | b. from God |
| 3. confess their sins to God and | c. our sins |
| 4. seek forgiveness | d. part of our daily life |
| 5. a place | e. ask for forgiveness |
| 6. anything you need to get | f. of worship |

LISTENING GAP FILL

True Confessions Day is on March 15th. We're _____ where it came from or how long it has been around. It seems a fun way to make your confessions and _____ feelings you might have. How many bad things have you done in the past year? Did you _____ them? True Confessions Day is the day to do it. You never know, your friends, family, boss, or whoever might thank you for it and think "Wow! What an honest _____." I suppose you might have to be a little careful and make sure your confession doesn't _____ trouble. We just looked at a website with these online confessions: "I put an insect in the customer's pizza." "It was me _____ car's tyres."

Confession is an important _____ life. Many of us confess our sins as part of our religion. And some of us confess the truth to the police _____ bad and committed a crime. Christians confess their sins to God and ask for forgiveness. In Buddhism, people _____ and wrongdoing to Buddha. In Islam, confession is one of the five pillars of the religion and Muslims seek forgiveness from God. There are many _____. Some people do it alone, privately. Others go to a place of worship and talk to a religious leader. A _____ is to confess on the Internet. If there's anything you need to _____, you can do so online, and tell the world.

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

True Confessions Day is on March 15th. We're not really _____ where it came from or how long it has been _____. It seems a fun way to make your confessions and _____ any guilty feelings you might have. How many bad things have you done in the past year? Did you always _____ up to them? True Confessions Day is the day to do it. You never know, your friends, family, boss, or _____ might thank you for it and think "Wow! What an honest person he or she is." I suppose you might have to be a little _____ and make sure your confession doesn't get you into big trouble. We just looked at a website with these _____ confessions: "I put an insect in the customer's pizza." "It was me who _____ down your car's tyres."

online
lose
careful
sure
own
let
whoever
around

Confession is an important part of our _____ life. Many of us confess our sins as _____ of our religion. And some of us confess the truth to the police if we have been bad and committed a _____. Christians confess their sins to God and ask for forgiveness. In Buddhism, people confess their _____ and wrongdoing to Buddha. In Islam, confession is one of the five pillars of the religion and Muslims _____ forgiveness from God. There are many ways to confess. Some people do it alone, privately. Others go to a _____ of worship and talk to a religious leader. A new trend today is to confess on the Internet. If there's anything you need to get off your _____, you can do so online, and _____ the world.

faults
place
crime
tell
daily
seek
chest
part

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

True Confessions Day is on March 15th. We're not really *shore / sure* where it came from or how long it has been *round / around*. It seems a fun way to make your confessions and *lose / lost* any guilty feelings you might have. How many bad things have you done in the past year? Did you always *down / own* up to them? True Confessions Day is the day to do it. You never know, your friends, family, boss, or whoever might *thank / think* you for it and think "Wow! What an honest person he or she is." I suppose you might have to be a little careful and make sure your confession doesn't *have / get* you into big trouble. We just looked at a website with *these / this* online confessions: "I put an insect in the customer's pizza." "It was me who *let up / down* your car's tyres."

Confession is an important part of our *daily / day* life. Many of us confess our sins as part of our religion. And *sum / some* of us confess the truth to the police if we have been bad and committed a *criminal / crime*. Christians confess their sins to God and ask for forgiveness. In Buddhism, people confess their *faults / forts* and wrongdoing to Buddha. In Islam, confession is one *of / at* the five pillars of the religion and Muslims seek forgiveness from God. There are many ways to confess. Some people do it *alone / lonely*, privately. Others go to a place of worship and talk to a religious leader. A new *trendy / trend* today is to confess on the Internet. If there's anything you need to get off your *chest / lungs*, you can do so online, and tell the world.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

True Confessions Day is on March 15th. We're not really (1) _____ where it came from or how long it has been around. It seems a fun way to make your confessions and (2) _____ any guilty feelings you might have. How many bad things have you done in the past year? Did you always (3) _____ up to them? True Confessions Day is the day to do it. You never know, your friends, family, boss, or whoever might thank you for it and think "Wow! What an (4) _____ person he or she is." I suppose you might have to be a little careful and make sure your confession doesn't get you into big (5) _____. We just looked at a website with these online confessions: "I put an insect in the customer's pizza." "It was me who (6) _____ down your car's tyres."

Confession is an important part of our daily (7) _____. Many of us confess our sins as part of our religion. And some of us confess the truth to the police if we have been bad and (8) _____ a crime. Christians confess their sins to God and ask for forgiveness. In Buddhism, people (9) _____ their faults and wrongdoing to Buddha. In Islam, confession is one of the five pillars of the religion and Muslims (10) _____ forgiveness from God. There are many ways to confess. Some people do it alone, privately. Others go to a place of worship and talk to a religious leader. A new (11) _____ today is to confess on the Internet. If there's anything you need to get off your (12) _____, you can do so online, and tell the world.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) surely | (b) sure | (c) sureness | (d) surest |
| 2. | (a) lost | (b) losing | (c) loser | (d) lose |
| 3. | (a) owning | (b) ownership | (c) own | (d) owner |
| 4. | (a) honestly | (b) honesty | (c) honest | (d) hones |
| 5. | (a) troubles | (b) trouble | (c) troubling | (d) troubled |
| 6. | (a) let | (b) get | (c) set | (d) met |
| 7. | (a) life | (b) lifestyle | (c) live | (d) alive |
| 8. | (a) committed | (b) commit | (c) commits | (d) committee |
| 9. | (a) confession | (b) confessing | (c) confessed | (d) confess |
| 10. | (a) geek | (b) leek | (c) seek | (d) meek |
| 11. | (a) trendy | (b) trend | (c) trendsetter | (d) trendiness |
| 12. | (a) lungs | (b) ribs | (c) backbone | (d) chest |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. not elrayl sure
2. iultyg feelings
3. bad hsnigt
4. an hnseot person
5. be a little culfrae
6. big rtbuole

Paragraph 2

7. our ydlia life
8. ssefnco our sins
9. committed a mcrie
10. a place of hpisrow
11. A new enrtd today
12. you can do so lionne

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- (**1**) True Confessions Day is on March 15th. We're not really sure where it came from or how long it has been
- () religion. And some of us confess the truth to the police if we have been bad and committed a crime. Christians confess
- () in the customer's pizza." "It was me who let down your car's tyres."
- () Confession is an important part of our daily life. Many of us confess our sins as part of our
- () trouble. We just looked at a website with these online confessions: "I put an insect
- () to a religious leader. A new trend today is to confess on the Internet. If there's anything you need to get off
- () around. It seems a fun way to make your confessions and lose any guilty feelings you might have. How many bad
- () person he or she is." I suppose you might have to be a little careful and make sure your confession doesn't get you into big
- () their sins to God and ask for forgiveness. In Buddhism, people confess their faults and wrongdoing to
- () to do it. You never know, your friends, family, boss, or whoever might thank you for it and think "Wow! What an honest
- () things have you done in the past year? Did you always own up to them? True Confessions Day is the day
- () Buddha. In Islam, confession is one of the five pillars of the religion and Muslims seek forgiveness from
- () God. There are many ways to confess. Some people do it alone, privately. Others go to a place of worship and talk
- () your chest, you can do so online, and tell the world.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. where sure really not We're from came it

2. a your fun confessions way It to seems make

3. suppose have a I might be careful you to little

4. We at with confessions looked website online just a these

5. in insect an put I pizza customer's the

6. Confession of is our an daily important life part

7. to sins their confess Christians God

8. their In , confess faults Buddhism people

9. worship go a of Others to place

10. you anything chest your off get to need

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 TRUE CONFESSIONS DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about True Confessions 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 True Confessions 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.