

# WORLD THEATRE DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Theatre Day was created in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. It is celebrated every year on March 27 by theatre companies around the world. Theatre groups of all kinds put on special performances and events to mark the day. The most important event is the message given by a leading figure in world theatre. The first message was given by the French poet, novelist and film maker Jean Cocteau. World Theatre Day is also an occasion for actors, playwrights and directors to celebrate the power of the performing arts and how they bring people together. It is also a good chance for artists to show the world how theatre can and does create peace between people.

Theatre is one of the oldest performing arts. It dates back thousands of years. It has its roots in story telling and evolved into acting and the stage. The word 'theatre' comes from the Greek 'theatron', which means "the seeing place". Theatre forms a rich part of every culture, from ancient Greek tragedies and Japanese Kabuki, to Indian Sanskrit epics and the medieval world of Islamic puppet theatre. Today theatre is enjoyed by millions of theatre-goers around the world. People have a huge choice of dramas, musicals and comedy theatre. They can enjoy watching the top actors on Broadway or London's West End, or simply watch their local amateur dramatics production.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. It is celebrated every          | a. arts                    |
| 2. Theatre groups of all kinds put | b. in world theatre        |
| 3. a leading figure                | c. peace between people    |
| 4. The first message was given     | d. year on March 27        |
| 5. the power of the performing     | e. on special performances |
| 6. theatre can and does create     | f. by the French poet      |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Theatre is one of the oldest | a. of dramas             |
| 2. It has its roots             | b. dramatics production  |
| 3. Theatre forms a rich         | c. performing arts       |
| 4. millions of theatre-         | d. part of every culture |
| 5. People have a huge choice    | e. goes around the world |
| 6. watch their local amateur    | f. in story telling      |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

World Theatre Day was created in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. \_\_\_\_\_ every year on March 27 by theatre companies around the world. Theatre groups \_\_\_\_\_ on special performances and events to mark the day. The most important event is the message \_\_\_\_\_ figure in world theatre. The first message was given by the French poet, novelist and film maker Jean Cocteau. World Theatre Day \_\_\_\_\_ for actors, playwrights and directors to celebrate the power of the performing arts \_\_\_\_\_ people together. It is also a good chance for artists to show the world how theatre \_\_\_\_\_ peace between people.

Theatre \_\_\_\_\_ performing arts. It dates back thousands of years. It has its roots in story telling and evolved into acting and the stage. The word \_\_\_\_\_ the Greek 'theatron', which means "the seeing place". Theatre forms \_\_\_\_\_ every culture, from ancient Greek tragedies and Japanese Kabuki, to Indian Sanskrit \_\_\_\_\_ medieval world of Islamic puppet theatre. Today theatre \_\_\_\_\_ millions of theatre-goers around the world. People have a huge choice of dramas, musicals and comedy theatre. They can enjoy watching the top actors on Broadway or London's West End, or \_\_\_\_\_ local amateur dramatics production.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

World Theatre Day was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. It is celebrated every year on March 27 by theatre \_\_\_\_\_ around the world. Theatre groups of all kinds put on special performances and events to \_\_\_\_\_ the day. The most important event is the message given by a \_\_\_\_\_ figure in world theatre. The first message was given by the French poet, \_\_\_\_\_ and film maker Jean Cocteau. World Theatre Day is also an occasion for actors, playwrights and directors to \_\_\_\_\_ the power of the performing arts and how they bring \_\_\_\_\_ together. It is also a good chance for artists to show the world how theatre can and does create \_\_\_\_\_ between people.

*leading*  
*companies*  
*peace*  
*mark*  
*celebrate*  
*created*  
*people*  
*novelist*

Theatre is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ performing arts. It \_\_\_\_\_ back thousands of years. It has its \_\_\_\_\_ in story telling and evolved into acting and the \_\_\_\_\_. The word 'theatre' comes from the Greek 'theatron', which means "the seeing place". Theatre forms a \_\_\_\_\_ part of every culture, from ancient Greek tragedies and Japanese Kabuki, to Indian Sanskrit epics and the medieval world of Islamic \_\_\_\_\_ theatre. Today theatre is enjoyed by millions of theatre-goers around the world. People have a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of dramas, musicals and comedy theatre. They can enjoy watching the top actors on Broadway or London's West End, or simply watch their \_\_\_\_\_ amateur dramatics production.

*rich*  
*choice*  
*roots*  
*local*  
*oldest*  
*stage*  
*puppet*  
*dates*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

World Theatre Day was created in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. It is celebrated *every / all* year on March 27 by theatre companies around the world. Theatre groups of all kinds put *in / on* special performances and events to mark the day. The most important event is the message *gave / given* by a leading figure in world theatre. The first message was given *by / at* the French poet, novelist and film maker Jean Cocteau. World Theatre Day is also an *occasional / occasion* for actors, playwrights and directors to celebrate the *powerful / power* of the performing arts and how they bring people *togetherness / together*. It is also a good chance for artists to show the world how theatre can and *do / does* create peace between people.

Theatre is one of the *eldest / oldest* performing arts. It *dates / dating* back thousands of years. It has its roots in story telling and evolved into *acted / acting* and the stage. The word 'theatre' comes from the Greek 'theatron', *what / which* means "the seeing place". Theatre forms a rich part of every culture, from ancient Greek *tragic / tragedies* and Japanese Kabuki, to Indian Sanskrit epics and the medieval world of Islamic puppet theatre. Today theatre is *enjoying / enjoyed* by millions of theatre-goers around the world. People have a huge *choose / choice* of dramas, musicals and comedy theatre. They can enjoy watching the top actors on Broadway or London's West End, or *simply / simple* watch their local amateur dramatics production.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Theatre Day was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. It is celebrated every year on March 27 by theatre companies around the world. Theatre groups of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ kinds put on special performances and events to mark the day. The most important event is the message (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by a leading figure in world theatre. The first message was given by the French poet, novelist and film maker Jean Cocteau. World Theatre Day is also an (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for actors, playwrights and directors to celebrate the power (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the performing arts and how they bring people together. It is also a good chance for artists to show the world how theatre can and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ create peace between people.

Theatre is one of the oldest performing arts. It (7) \_\_\_\_\_ back thousands of years. It has its roots in story telling and evolved into acting and the stage. The word 'theatre' (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from the Greek 'theatron', which means "the seeing place". Theatre forms a rich part of every culture, from ancient Greek tragedies and Japanese Kabuki, to Indian Sanskrit epics and the medieval (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of Islamic puppet theatre. Today theatre is enjoyed by millions of theatre-goers around the world. People have a huge (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of dramas, musicals and comedy theatre. They can (11) \_\_\_\_\_ watching the top actors on Broadway or London's West End, or (12) \_\_\_\_\_ watch their local amateur dramatics production.

### Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                  |               |               |                 |
|-----|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) creation     | (b) creative  | (c) created   | (d) creating    |
| 2.  | (a) all          | (b) each      | (c) these     | (d) every       |
| 3.  | (a) gave         | (b) given     | (c) giving    | (d) gives       |
| 4.  | (a) occasionally | (b) occasion  | (c) occasions | (d) occasioned  |
| 5.  | (a) at           | (b) to        | (c) of        | (d) with        |
| 6.  | (a) do           | (b) done      | (c) doing     | (d) does        |
| 7.  | (a) dates        | (b) date      | (c) dating    | (d) dateline    |
| 8.  | (a) goes         | (b) writes    | (c) speaks    | (d) comes       |
| 9.  | (a) worldly      | (b) worldwide | (c) world     | (d) world-class |
| 10. | (a) choose       | (b) choice    | (c) chosen    | (d) choices     |
| 11. | (a) enjoyable    | (b) enjoys    | (c) enjoying  | (d) enjoy       |
| 12. | (a) simply       | (b) simple    | (c) simplest  | (d) simpler     |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. theatre ascniepom
2. special rnfesopceram
3. a agliedn figure
4. lesontvi and film maker
5. playwrights and reidsroct
6. tarece peace

### Paragraph 2

7. its rotos in story telling
8. every uecutrl
9. ancient Greek aetdgseir
10. ppetup theatre
11. a huge hicoce
12. mraeaut dramatics

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) performances and events to mark the day. The most important event is the message given by a leading
- ( ) actors on Broadway or London's West End, or simply watch their local amateur dramatics production.
- ( ) artists to show the world how theatre can and does create peace between people.
- ( **1** ) World Theatre Day was created in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. It is celebrated every
- ( ) year on March 27 by theatre companies around the world. Theatre groups of all kinds put on special
- ( ) means "the seeing place". Theatre forms a rich part of every culture, from ancient Greek
- ( ) Theatre is one of the oldest performing arts. It dates back thousands of years. It has its roots in story
- ( ) of dramas, musicals and comedy theatre. They can enjoy watching the top
- ( ) tragedies and Japanese Kabuki, to Indian Sanskrit epics and the medieval world of Islamic puppet
- ( ) telling and evolved into acting and the stage. The word 'theatre' comes from the Greek 'theatron', which
- ( ) theatre. Today theatre is enjoyed by millions of theatre-goers around the world. People have a huge choice
- ( ) of the performing arts and how they bring people together. It is also a good chance for
- ( ) maker Jean Cocteau. World Theatre Day is also an occasion for actors, playwrights and directors to celebrate the power
- ( ) figure in world theatre. The first message was given by the French poet, novelist and film

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. year every celebrated is It 27 March on

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2. kinds Theatre put groups on of special all performances

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3. the message French was poet given The by first

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4. the arts the of performing celebrate power

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5. can create the theatre does show how and peace world

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6. is Theatre arts performing oldest the of one

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7. story It its in telling has roots

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8. part rich a forms Theatre culture every of

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9. millions theatre of is theatre enjoyed - by goes

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10. watch production dramatics amateur local their

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**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 THEATRE DAY SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about World Theatre 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 Theatre 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.