

Honesty Day

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honesty_Day

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. official | a. jokes |
| 2. encourage | b. suggesting |
| 3. pranks | c. promote |
| 4. participating | d. simple |
| 5. straightforward | e. formal |
| 6. implying | f. taking part |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 1. former | a. gives |
| 2. tales | b. tricks |
| 3. scams | c. research |
| 4. conducted | d. previous |
| 5. survey | e. managed |
| 6. hands out | f. lies |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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*truthful**pranks**official**opinions**great**knowledge**chose**opposing*

M. Hirsh Goldberg was a (9) ____ press secretary of the U.S. state of Maryland. He wrote a book called *The Book of Lies: Fibs, Tales, Schemes, (10) ____, Fakes, and Frauds That Have Changed The Course of History and (11) ____ Our Daily Lives*. Mr Goldberg said in his book that the (12) ____ person lies about 200 times a day. According to a poll (13) ____ by London's Science Museum, a normal lie for a man is, "I didn't drink that much" and for a woman it is, "Nothing's wrong, I'm fine". A survey from the Gallup market research group found that nurses are the most honest people, while (14) ____ people and politicians are the biggest (15) _____. Every Honesty Day, Mr Goldberg hands out (16) ____ to honest companies and organizations.

*conducted**affect**liars**former**sales**awards**scams**average*

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Be honest. That's all you have to do *on / in* Honesty Day. It would be great if we were all honest every day *for / of* the year, but it's good that there's an *official / office* day to encourage honesty. That day is April 30th. The man who started Honesty Day, M. Hirsh Goldberg, *chose / chosen* the last day of April because the first day is April Fools' Day, which *celebration / celebrates* falsehoods, pranks and lies. Wikipedia.com says that on Honesty Day: "Anyone *participates / participating* may ask any question they choose and the *oppose / opposing* person should give a truthful and *forwarded / straightforward* answer. This is implying that the person who *is / are* answering the question has knowledge of Honesty Day." Perhaps some questions, like opinions, are *best / worst* not answered honestly.

M. Hirsh Goldberg was a *farmer / former* press secretary of the U.S. state of Maryland. He wrote a book called The Book of Lies: Fibs, *Tales / Tails*, Schemes, Scams, Fakes, and Frauds That Have Changed The Course of History and *Effect / Affect* Our Daily Lives. Mr Goldberg said in his book that the average *people / person* lies about 200 *times / timed* a day. According *to / of* a poll conducted by London's Science Museum, a *normal / normality* lie for a man is, "I didn't drink that much" and for a woman it is, "Nothing's *wrong / right*, I'm fine". A survey from the Gallup market research group found that nurses are the most honest people, while *sales / sells* people and politicians are the biggest liars. Every Honesty Day, Mr Goldberg hands *in / out* awards to honest companies and organizations.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Be honest. That's all you (1) _____ to do on Honesty Day. It would be (2) _____ if we were all honest every day of the year, but it's good that there's an official day to (3) _____ honesty. That day is April 30th. The man who started Honesty Day, M. Hirsh Goldberg, chose the last day of April because the first day is April Fools' Day, which celebrates falsehoods, pranks and lies. Wikipedia.com says that on Honesty Day: "Anyone (4) _____ may ask any question they choose and the opposing person should give a truthful and straightforward answer. This is implying that the person who is answering the question has (5) _____ of Honesty Day." Perhaps some questions, like (6) _____, are best not answered honestly.

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Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) take | (b) have | (c) use | (d) must |
| 2. | (a) great | (b) greatly | (c) grate | (d) greet |
| 3. | (a) honestly | (b) dishonest | (c) honest | (d) honour |
| 4. | (a) celebrates | (b) celebrated | (c) celebration | (d) celebrating |
| 5. | (a) knowing | (b) knowledge | (c) knows | (d) knew |
| 6. | (a) opinions | (b) combines | (c) pinions | (d) opines |
| 7. | (a) firmer | (b) farmer | (c) former | (d) framer |
| 8. | (a) Course | (b) Cause | (c) Case | (d) Crease |
| 9. | (a) doll | (b) roll | (c) toll | (d) poll |
| 10. | (a) Someone's | (b) Anyone's | (c) Something's | (d) Nothing's |
| 11. | (a) large | (b) widest | (c) biggest | (d) stranger |
| 12. | (a) heads | (b) hands | (c) legs | (d) arms |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. an official day to ancoerueg honesty
2. ... which bealerstce falsehoods, pranks and lies
3. Anyone iiarpcpatgitn may ask
4. a truthful and ahtgadwrtfriosr answer
5. odwenlkge of Honesty Day
6. snioopni

Paragraph 2

7. a former press screateyr
8. eecmshs, scams, fakes, and frauds
9. changed the ocrseu of history
10. a poll cedcnutdo by London's Science Museum
11. saciipnilot are the biggest liars
12. Goldberg hands out adsrwa to honest companies

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () are the biggest liars. Every Honesty Day, Mr Goldberg hands out awards to honest companies and organizations.
- () give a truthful and straightforward answer. This is implying that the person who is answering the question
- () M. Hirsh Goldberg was a former press secretary of the U.S. state of Maryland. He wrote a book
- () called The Book of Lies: Fibs, Tales, Schemes, Scams, Fakes, and Frauds That Have Changed The Course
- () from the Gallup market research group found that nurses are the most honest people, while sales people and politicians
- () has knowledge of Honesty Day." Perhaps some questions, like opinions, are best not answered honestly.
- () because the first day is April Fools' Day, which celebrates falsehoods, pranks and lies. Wikipedia.com says that
- (**1**) Be honest. That's all you have to do on Honesty Day. It would be great if we were all honest every
- () on Honesty Day: "Anyone participating may ask any question they choose and the opposing person should
- () of History and Affect Our Daily Lives. Mr Goldberg said in his book that the average person lies about 200
- () times a day. According to a poll conducted by London's Science Museum, a normal lie for
- () a man is, "I didn't drink that much" and for a woman it is, "Nothing's wrong, I'm fine". A survey
- () day of the year, but it's good that there's an official day to encourage honesty. That day
- () is April 30th. The man who started Honesty Day, M. Hirsh Goldberg, chose the last day of April

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. you do Day all to Honesty That's have on.

2. all It great were be we honest would if.

3. ask question Anyone may any participating.

4. person The question the answering is who.

5. answered not best are questions some Perhaps.

6. the of secretary press former A state . US

7. The wrote He a . of Book Lies called book

8. 200 day average about a The lies times person.

9. politicians are Sales the people biggest and liars.

10. out awards Mr to Goldberg honest hands companies.

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 HONESTY DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Honesty 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 Honesty Day. Write about what 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.