

NATIONAL HANGING OUT DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

National Hanging Out Day is a day to think about the environment and what you can do to help it. It is on April 19th each year. It's very simple. On this day, you make sure you hang your clothes out to dry on a clothes line. We can save a lot of money and energy by using the humble clothes line. We waste money and energy by using electric dryers, which also add to global warming. Using a clothes line can actually save the average household several hundred dollars a year. In America, electric clothes dryers account for up to ten per cent of people's electricity bills. The day was created by the Project Laundry List, which joins together with other organizations to educate communities about energy consumption.

Laundry List.org has other reasons for you to hang your clothes out to dry. It's good for you. Standing in the fresh air, feeling the wind on your face and hearing the birds sing is therapeutic. It also makes your clothes smell fresher and last longer. Unfortunately, it's difficult for some people to do this because some communities ban people from hanging their clothes out. Some people believe it makes the area look bad. To overcome this, many U.S. states have passed legislation that protects your "right to dry". So April 19 is a celebration of the clothes line. If everyone in the USA swapped their dryer for a clothes line, homes would reduce their CO2 output by 3.3%. A single dryer in a U.S. home uses more energy a year than the average African uses.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. a day to think | a. of people's electricity bills |
| 2. hang your clothes | b. several hundred dollars |
| 3. We waste money | c. energy consumption |
| 4. save the average household | d. out to dry |
| 5. dryers account for up to 10% | e. about the environment |
| 6. educate communities about | f. and energy |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Standing in the fresh | a. and last longer |
| 2. feeling the wind | b. by 3.3% |
| 3. hearing the birds | c. "right to dry" |
| 4. your clothes smell fresher | d. air |
| 5. legislation that protects your | e. sing is therapeutic |
| 6. reduce their CO2 output | f. on your face |

LISTENING GAP FILL

National Hanging Out Day is a _____ the environment and what you can do to help it. It is on April 19th each year. It's very simple. On this day, _____ hang your clothes out to dry on a clothes line. We can save a lot of money _____ the humble clothes line. We waste money and energy by using electric dryers, which also add to global warming. Using a clothes line _____ average household several hundred dollars a year. In America, electric clothes dryers account _____ people's electricity bills. The day was created by the Project Laundry List, which joins together with other organizations _____ about energy consumption.

Laundry List.org has _____ you to hang your clothes out to dry. It's good for you. Standing in the fresh air, feeling the _____ and hearing the birds sing is therapeutic. It also makes your clothes smell _____. Unfortunately, it's difficult for some people to do this because some communities ban people from hanging their clothes out. Some people believe it makes _____. To overcome this, many U.S. states have passed legislation that protects _____. So April 19 is a celebration of the clothes line. If everyone in the USA swapped their dryer for a clothes line, homes would reduce their CO2 output by 3.3%. A single dryer in a U.S. home uses more energy a _____ African uses.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

National Hanging Out Day is a day to _____ about the environment and what you can do to help it. It is on April 19th each year. It's very _____. On this day, you make sure you hang your clothes out to dry on a clothes line. We can save a lot of money and energy by using the _____ clothes line. We _____ money and energy by using electric dryers, which also add to global warming. Using a clothes line can actually save the average household _____ hundred dollars a year. In America, electric clothes dryers account for _____ to ten per cent of people's electricity bills. The day was created by the Project Laundry List, which _____ together with other organizations to _____ communities about energy consumption.

humble
up
simple
educate
several
think
waste
joins

Laundry List.org has other reasons for you to _____ your clothes out to dry. It's good for you. Standing in the fresh air, feeling the _____ on your face and hearing the birds sing is therapeutic. It also makes your clothes smell fresher and _____ longer. Unfortunately, it's difficult for some people to do this because some communities _____ people from hanging their clothes out. Some people believe it makes the area look _____. To overcome this, many U.S. states have passed legislation that protects your "_____ to dry". So April 19 is a celebration of the clothes line. If everyone in the USA swapped their dryer for a clothes line, homes would _____ their CO2 output by 3.3%. A single dryer in a U.S. home uses more energy a year than the _____ African uses.

wind
right
last
ban
average
reduce
hang
bad

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

National Hanging Out Day is a day to *thought / think* about the environment and what you can do to help it. It is on April 19th each year. It's very simple. On this day, you *make / be* sure you hang your clothes out to dry on a clothes line. We can *saving / save* a lot of money and energy *by / for* using the humble clothes line. We waste money and energy by using electric dryers, which also *plus / add* to global warming. Using a clothes line can actually save the average household *several / few* hundred dollars a year. In America, electric clothes dryers account for *up / down* to ten per cent of people's electricity bills. The day was created by the Project Laundry List, which *joint / joins* together with other organizations to educate communities about energy consumption.

Laundry List.org has other reasons for you to *hang / hanging* your clothes out to dry. It's good for you. Standing in the *refresh / fresh* air, feeling the wind on your face and hearing the birds sing is therapeutic. It also *makes / takes* your clothes smell fresher and *last / lasting* longer. Unfortunately, it's difficult for some people to do this because some communities ban people from hanging their clothes *in / out*. Some people believe it makes the area look bad. To overcome this, many U.S. states have *past / passed* legislation that protects your "right to dry". So April 19 is a celebration of the clothes line. If everyone in the USA *swapped / swap* their dryer for a clothes line, homes would reduce their CO2 output *by / for* 3.3%. A single dryer in a U.S. home uses more energy a year than the average African uses.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

National Hanging Out Day is a (1) _____ to think about the environment and what you can do to help it. It is on April 19th each year. It's very simple. On this day, you (2) _____ sure you hang your clothes out to dry on a clothes line. We can save a lot of money and energy (3) _____ using the humble clothes line. We waste money and energy by using electric dryers, which also add to global warming. Using a clothes line can actually save the (4) _____ household several hundred dollars a year. In America, electric clothes dryers (5) _____ for up to ten per cent of people's electricity bills. The day was created by the Project Laundry List, which joins together with (6) _____ organizations to educate communities about energy consumption.

Laundry List.org has other reasons (7) _____ you to hang your clothes out to dry. It's good for you. Standing in the fresh air, feeling the wind on your face and hearing the birds sing is therapeutic. It also makes your clothes smell fresher and (8) _____ longer. Unfortunately, it's difficult for some people to do this because some communities ban people (9) _____ hanging their clothes out. Some people believe it makes the area look bad. To overcome this, many U.S. states have (10) _____ legislation that protects your "right to dry". So April 19 is a celebration of the clothes line. If everyone in the USA (11) _____ their dryer for a clothes line, homes would reduce their CO2 output by 3.3%. A single dryer in a U.S. home (12) _____ more energy a year than the average African uses.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) day | (b) daily | (c) daytime | (d) days |
| 2. | (a) take | (b) fake | (c) make | (d) rake |
| 3. | (a) for | (b) from | (c) by | (d) at |
| 4. | (a) average | (b) averaged | (c) averaging | (d) averages |
| 5. | (a) accounting | (b) accounts | (c) accountant | (d) account |
| 6. | (a) another | (b) other | (c) the others | (d) others |
| 7. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) by | (d) from |
| 8. | (a) lasting | (b) lasted | (c) last | (d) lastly |
| 9. | (a) for | (b) if | (c) of | (d) from |
| 10. | (a) past | (b) passing | (c) passes | (d) passed |
| 11. | (a) snapped | (b) swapped | (c) slapped | (d) strapped |
| 12. | (a) use | (b) uses | (c) usage | (d) useful |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. It's very mplsie
2. awste money
3. the egaavre household
4. lcettieyicr bills
5. joins hettgeor
6. nygree consumption

Paragraph 2

7. other ansseo
8. eshrf air
9. neefilg the wind
10. smell frehesr
11. apesd legislation
12. crdeeu their CO2 output

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () money and energy by using electric dryers, which also add to global warming. Using a clothes line can actually save
- () to dry on a clothes line. We can save a lot of money and energy by using the humble clothes line. We waste
- () this, many U.S. states have passed legislation that protects your "right to dry". So April 19 is a celebration
- () Laundry List.org has other reasons for you to hang your clothes out to dry. It's good for you. Standing in the fresh
- () air, feeling the wind on your face and hearing the birds sing is therapeutic. It also makes your clothes smell
- () output by 3.3%. A single dryer in a U.S. home uses more energy a year than the average African uses.
- () people from hanging their clothes out. Some people believe it makes the area look bad. To overcome
- () help it. It is on April 19th each year. It's very simple. On this day, you make sure you hang your clothes out
- () together with other organizations to educate communities about energy consumption.
- () per cent of people's electricity bills. The day was created by the Project Laundry List, which joins
- () fresher and last longer. Unfortunately, it's difficult for some people to do this because some communities ban
- (**1**) National Hanging Out Day is a day to think about the environment and what you can do to
- () the average household several hundred dollars a year. In America, electric clothes dryers account for up to ten
- () of the clothes line. If everyone in the USA swapped their dryer for a clothes line, homes would reduce their CO2

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. about environment day think the a to

2. your make clothes sure out you to hang dry

3. can money save and a energy lot We of

4. several dollars the household hundred save average

5. up of to people's ten electricity per bills cent

6. other hang reasons your for clothes you out to

7. sing birds the hearing therapeutic is

8. last your smell and longer clothes fresher

9. makes it believe people bad look area the

10. their CO2 output by 3.3 homes would reduce %

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 NATIONAL HANGING OUT DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about National Hanging Out 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 National Hanging Out Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.