

# NATIONAL SENSE OF SMELL DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

National Sense of Smell Day is an annual event sponsored by the Sense of Smell Institute. It is an American holiday that takes place every year on the last Saturday of April. Many different events are organized at children's museums and science centers across the country. There are usually many hands-on (or nose-on) activities for children to do to learn about the sense of smell. Activities can include finding out about different smells from around the world and remembering the smells from your childhood. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of how important the sense of smell is. We rarely think about how useful it is to be able to smell, and how it helps us survive in our lives.

How important is your sense of smell to you? Most people say it is the least important of our five senses. Humans generally have a poor sense of smell. Dogs have noses that are up to one-hundred-million times more sensitive than ours. However, we can smell thousands of different things, whereas we can only separate taste into five different tastes. Most of us have a normal sense of smell, but some people have problems smelling. People who suffer from *anosmia* cannot smell at all, while people who have *hyperosmia* are very, very sensitive to smells. An unusual disorder is *dysosmia* – things smell differently than they should. Perhaps chocolate smells like gasoline and roses smell like the sea.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. an annual                     | a. across the country       |
| 2. museums and science centers   | b. is to raise awareness    |
| 3. activities for children to do | c. able to smell            |
| 4. remembering the smells        | d. event                    |
| 5. The aim of the day            | e. from your childhood      |
| 6. how useful it is to be        | f. to learn about the sense |

### Paragraph 2

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. the least important                   | a. more sensitive      |
| 2. Humans generally have a poor          | b. cannot smell at all |
| 3. one-hundred-million times             | c. sense of smell      |
| 4. some people have                      | d. of our five senses  |
| 5. People who suffer from <i>anosmia</i> | e. than they should    |
| 6. things smell differently              | f. problems smelling   |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

National Sense of Smell Day \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by the Sense of Smell Institute. It is an American holiday that takes place every \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday of April. Many different events are organized at children's museums and science centers across the country. There are \_\_\_\_\_ -on (or nose-on) activities for children to do to learn about the sense of smell. Activities can \_\_\_\_\_ about different smells from around the world and remembering the smells from your childhood. The \_\_\_\_\_ raise awareness of how important the sense of smell is. We rarely think about how useful it is to be able to smell, and \_\_\_\_\_ survive in our lives.

How important \_\_\_\_\_ smell to you? Most people say it is the least important of our five senses. Humans generally have a poor sense of smell. Dogs have \_\_\_\_\_ one-hundred-million times more sensitive than ours. However, we can smell thousands of different things, \_\_\_\_\_ separate taste into five different tastes. Most of us have a normal sense of smell, \_\_\_\_\_ problems smelling. People who suffer from *anosmia* cannot smell at all, while people who have *hyperosmia* are very, \_\_\_\_\_ smells. An unusual disorder is *dysosmia* – things smell differently than they should. Perhaps chocolate smells like gasoline and roses \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

National Sense of Smell Day is an annual \_\_\_\_\_ sponsored by the Sense of Smell Institute. It is an American holiday that takes place every year on the \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday of April. Many different events are organized at children’s museums and science centers \_\_\_\_\_ the country. There are usually many \_\_\_\_\_ -on (or nose-on) activities for children to do to learn about the sense of smell. Activities can include \_\_\_\_\_ out about different smells from around the world and remembering the smells from your childhood. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the day is to raise awareness of how important the sense of smell is. We \_\_\_\_\_ think about how useful it is to be able to smell, and how it helps us \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

*across*

*hands*

*aim*

*event*

*rarely*

*finding*

*survive*

*last*

How important is your sense of smell to you? Most people \_\_\_\_\_ it is the least important of our five senses. Humans \_\_\_\_\_ have a poor sense of smell. Dogs have noses that are up to one-hundred-million times more \_\_\_\_\_ than ours. However, we can smell thousands of different things, whereas we can only \_\_\_\_\_ taste into five different tastes. Most of us have a normal sense of smell, but some people have problems \_\_\_\_\_. People who suffer from *anosmia* cannot smell at all, while people who have *hyperosmia* are very, very sensitive to \_\_\_\_\_. An unusual \_\_\_\_\_ is *dysosmia* – things smell differently than they should. Perhaps chocolate smells like gasoline and roses smell like the \_\_\_\_\_.

*say*

*smells*

*separate*

*sea*

*sensitive*

*generally*

*disorder*

*smelling*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

National Sense of Smell Day is an annual *evening / event* sponsored by the Sense of Smell Institute. It is an American holiday that takes place every year on the *last / lasting* Saturday of April. Many different events are organized at children's museums and science *centred / centers* across the country. There are usually many *hand-on / hands-on* (or nose-on) activities for children to do *for / to* learn about the sense of smell. Activities can include finding out about different smells from *in / around* the world and remembering the smells from your childhood. The *aim / aims* of the day is to raise awareness of how important the sense of smell is. We rarely think about how useful it is to be able to smell, and how it helps us *survival / survive* in our lives.

How important is your sense of smell to you? Most people say it is the *least / less* important of our five senses. Humans generally have a *poor / poorly* sense of smell. Dogs have noses that are up to one-hundred-million times more sensitive than *our / ours*. However, we can smell thousands of *difference / different* things, whereas we can only separate taste into five different tastes. Most of *them / us* have a normal sense of smell, but some people have problems smelling. People who *suffer / sufferer* from *anosmia* cannot smell at all, while people who have *hyperosmia* are very, very *sensitive / sensitivity* to smells. An unusual disorder is *dysosmia* – things smell differently than *they / it* should. Perhaps chocolate smells like gasoline and roses smell like the sea.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

National Sense of Smell Day is an annual event (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Sense of Smell Institute. It is an American holiday that takes place every year on the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday of April. Many different events are organized at children’s museums and science centers across the country. There are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ many hands-on (or nose-on) activities for children to do to learn about the sense of smell. Activities can (4) \_\_\_\_\_ finding out about different smells from around the world and remembering the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from your childhood. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of how important the sense of smell is. We rarely think about how useful it is to be able to smell, and how it helps us (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

How important is your sense of smell to you? Most people (7) \_\_\_\_\_ it is the least important of our five senses. Humans generally have a poor sense of smell. Dogs have noses that are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to one-hundred-million times more sensitive than ours. However, we can smell thousands of different things, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ we can only separate taste into five different tastes. Most of us have a normal sense of smell, but some people have problems (10) \_\_\_\_\_. People who suffer from *anosmia* cannot smell at all, while people who have *hyperosmia* are very, very (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to smells. An unusual disorder is *dysosmia* – things smell differently than they (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps chocolate smells like gasoline and roses smell like the sea.

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

- |     |               |                 |                   |              |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) sponsor   | (b) sponsored   | (c) sponsorship   | (d) sponsors |
| 2.  | (a) lasting   | (b) lasted      | (c) last          | (d) lasts    |
| 3.  | (a) usual     | (b) unusual     | (c) unusually     | (d) usually  |
| 4.  | (a) inclusive | (b) including   | (c) included      | (d) include  |
| 5.  | (a) smells    | (b) smelly      | (c) smelling      | (d) smelled  |
| 6.  | (a) survival  | (b) surviving   | (c) survives      | (d) survive  |
| 7.  | (a) tell      | (b) speak       | (c) say           | (d) talk     |
| 8.  | (a) down      | (b) up          | (c) across        | (d) over     |
| 9.  | (a) wherever  | (b) as          | (c) whereas       | (d) anywhere |
| 10. | (a) smell     | (b) smelly      | (c) smells        | (d) smelling |
| 11. | (a) sensitive | (b) sensitivity | (c) sensitivities | (d) senses   |
| 12. | (a) should    | (b) must        | (c) have to       | (d) need to  |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. an nnaaul event
2. children's usmemus
3. gfinnid out about different smells
4. smells from your ohodcihdl
5. We aerylr think
6. it helps us svrueiv

### Paragraph 2

7. saetl important
8. one-hundred-omliinl times more
9. a rnlamo sense of smell
10. People who fuesrf from *anosmia*
11. very iseesnvti to smells
12. smells like isangloe

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) differently than they should. Perhaps chocolate smells like gasoline and roses smell like the sea.
- ( ) smelling. People who suffer from *anosmia* cannot smell at all, while people who have *hyperosmia* are very,
- ( ) museums and science centers across the country. There are usually many hands-on (or nose-on) activities
- ( ) different smells from around the world and remembering the smells from your childhood. The aim
- ( ) very sensitive to smells. An unusual disorder is *dysosmia* – things smell
- ( ) How important is your sense of smell to you? Most people say it is the least important of our five senses. Humans
- ( ) generally have a poor sense of smell. Dogs have noses that are up to one-hundred-million times more
- ( ) sensitive than ours. However, we can smell thousands of different things, whereas we can only separate
- ( **1** ) National Sense of Smell Day is an annual event sponsored by the Sense of Smell Institute. It is an American
- ( ) taste into five different tastes. Most of us have a normal sense of smell, but some people have problems
- ( ) holiday that takes place every year on the last Saturday of April. Many different events are organized at children's
- ( ) for children to do to learn about the sense of smell. Activities can include finding out about
- ( ) of the day is to raise awareness of how important the sense of smell is. We rarely think about how
- ( ) useful it is to be able to smell, and how it helps us survive in our lives.

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. an year every place takes that holiday American

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2. usually are There nose-on hands-on activities or many

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3. can Activities smells different about out finding include

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4. awareness day The is aim to of raise the

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5. rarely We is it useful how about think

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6. important our senses least of five the

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7. of sense poor a have generally Humans smell

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8. things can thousands different we smell of

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9. we into can five only different separate tastes taste

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10. smell who from cannot People suffer *anosmia*

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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 NATIONAL SENSE OF SMELL DAY SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about National Sense of Smell 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 Sense of Smell Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.