

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

International Jazz Day is usually celebrated each year on May 23. It is one day of the year when people around the world can celebrate this great music form. Jazz started in the USA and is America's only indigenous art form. Music lovers and musicians around the globe go to concerts, hold celebrations, or simply get together and listen to their favourite jazz artists. International Jazz Day was started in 1991 by jazz musician and bandleader D. Michael Denny. He was on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Jazz Society. His aim was for a global day of appreciation for jazz. His idea worked. It is now backed by the United Nations Jazz Society. This sponsors jazz workshops and encourages musicians to make a living from their music.

Jazz originated at the beginning of the 20th century in the Southern United States. It is a combination of African and European music styles. It has a strong influence from West African traditional music. One expert said jazz differed from European music because it has "a special relationship to time, defined as 'swing' [and] a spontaneity and vitality of musical production in which improvisation plays a role". It is unclear exactly where the word "jazz" came from. Many believe it was California slang to refer to the new music black musicians were playing in Chicago around 1915. The new music quickly grew into a wide variety of styles and a cultural phenomenon. Today we have genres that include acid jazz and jazz funk. Jazz even influences hip-hop.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. celebrate this great | a. from their music |
| 2. Music lovers and | b. for jazz |
| 3. simply get | c. music form |
| 4. a global day of appreciation | d. together and listen |
| 5. It is now backed | e. musicians |
| 6. make a living | f. by the U.N. Jazz Society |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Jazz originated at the beginning | a. include acid jazz |
| 2. a combination of African | b. influences hip-hop |
| 3. a special relationship to | c. and European music |
| 4. improvisation plays | d. of the 20th century |
| 5. Today we have genres that | e. a role |
| 6. Jazz even | f. time, defined as 'swing' |

LISTENING GAP FILL

International Jazz Day _____ each year on May 23. It is one day of the year when people around the world can celebrate this _____. Jazz started in the USA and is America's only indigenous art form. Music lovers and musicians _____ go to concerts, hold celebrations, or simply get together and listen to their favourite jazz artists. International Jazz Day _____ by jazz musician and bandleader D. Michael Denny. He was on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Jazz Society. _____ global day of appreciation for jazz. His idea worked. It _____ the United Nations Jazz Society. This sponsors jazz workshops and encourages musicians _____ from their music.

Jazz _____ beginning of the 20th century in the Southern United States. It is a combination of African and European music styles. It _____ from West African traditional music. One expert said jazz differed from European music because it has "a special relationship to time, _____ [and] a spontaneity and vitality of musical production in which improvisation plays a role". It is _____ the word "jazz" came from. Many believe it was California _____ the new music black musicians were playing in Chicago around 1915. The new music quickly grew into a wide variety of styles and a cultural phenomenon. Today we have _____ acid jazz and jazz funk. Jazz even influences hip-hop.

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

International Jazz Day is usually celebrated each year on May 23. It is _____ day of the year when people around the world can celebrate this _____ music form. Jazz started in the USA and is America's _____ indigenous art form. Music lovers and musicians around the globe go to concerts, hold celebrations, or _____ get together and listen to their favourite jazz artists. International Jazz Day was started in 1991 by _____ musician and bandleader D. Michael Denny. He was on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Jazz Society. His _____ was for a global day of appreciation for jazz. His idea worked. It is now _____ by the United Nations Jazz Society. This sponsors jazz workshops and encourages musicians to make a _____ from their music.

*simply**backed**great**one**living**jazz**aim**only*

Jazz originated at the _____ of the 20th century in the Southern United States. It is a combination of African and European music _____. It has a strong influence from West African traditional music. One expert said jazz _____ from European music because it has "a special relationship to time, _____ as 'swing' [and] a spontaneity and vitality of musical production in which improvisation plays a _____". It is unclear exactly where the word "jazz" came from. Many believe it was California slang to _____ to the new music black musicians were playing in Chicago around 1915. The new music quickly _____ into a wide variety of styles and a cultural phenomenon. Today we have genres that include acid jazz and jazz funk. Jazz even _____ hip-hop.

*styles**defined**influences**refer**beginning**role**grew**differed*

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

International Jazz Day is *usually / unusual* celebrated each year on May 23. It is one day of the year when people around the world can celebrate this *grate / great* music form. Jazz started in the USA and is America's only indigenous *artist / art* form. Music lovers and musicians around the globe go to concerts, hold celebrations, or simply *get / got* together and listen to their favourite jazz artists. International Jazz Day was *starting / started* in 1991 by jazz musician and bandleader D. Michael Denny. He was on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Jazz Society. His aim was for a *globally / global* day of appreciation for jazz. His idea worked. It is now *forwarded / backed* by the United Nations Jazz Society. This sponsors jazz workshops and encourages musicians to make a *living / live* from their music.

Jazz originated / origins at the beginning of the 20th century in the Southern United States. It is a combination of African and European music *stylish / styles*. It has a strong influence from West African traditional music. One *expertise / expert* said jazz differed from European music because it has "a special relationship to time, *defined / definition* as 'swing' [and] a spontaneity and vitality of musical production in which improvisation plays a *role / roll*". It is unclear exactly where the word "jazz" came from. Many believe it was California slang to *refer / reference* to the new music black musicians were playing in Chicago around 1915. The new *musician / music* quickly grew into a wide variety of styles and a cultural phenomenon. Today we have genres that *includes / include* acid jazz and jazz funk. Jazz even influences hip-hop.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

International Jazz Day is (1) _____ celebrated each year on May 23. It is one day of the year when people around the world can celebrate this great music form. Jazz (2) _____ in the USA and is America's only indigenous art form. Music (3) _____ and musicians around the globe go to concerts, hold celebrations, or simply get together and listen to their favourite jazz artists. International Jazz Day was started in 1991 by jazz musician and bandleader D. Michael Denny. He was on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Jazz Society. His (4) _____ was for a global day of appreciation for jazz. His idea worked. It is now (5) _____ by the United Nations Jazz Society. This sponsors jazz workshops and encourages musicians to make a (6) _____ from their music.

Jazz (7) _____ at the beginning of the 20th century in the Southern United States. It is a combination of African and European music (8) _____. It has a strong influence from West African traditional music. One expert said jazz differed from European music because it has "a special relationship to time, (9) _____ as 'swing' [and] a spontaneity and vitality of musical production in which improvisation plays a role". It is unclear exactly where the word "jazz" came from. Many (10) _____ it was California slang to refer to the new music black musicians were playing in Chicago around 1915. The new music quickly (11) _____ into a wide variety of styles and a cultural phenomenon. Today we have genres that include acid jazz and jazz funk. Jazz even (12) _____ hip-hop.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) usually | (b) usual | (c) rare | (d) sometime |
| 2. | (a) starts | (b) starting | (c) started | (d) start-up |
| 3. | (a) love | (b) loving | (c) loved | (d) lovers |
| 4. | (a) aiming | (b) aims | (c) aimed | (d) aim |
| 5. | (a) forwarded | (b) backed | (c) sided | (d) upped |
| 6. | (a) alive | (b) living | (c) lives | (d) lifetime |
| 7. | (a) originated | (b) origins | (c) original | (d) origin |
| 8. | (a) stylish | (b) styles | (c) style | (d) stylist |
| 9. | (a) definition | (b) define | (c) defines | (d) defined |
| 10. | (a) belief | (b) believer | (c) believe | (d) beliefs |
| 11. | (a) grown | (b) grows | (c) growing | (d) grew |
| 12. | (a) influences | (b) influenced | (c) influence | (d) influencing |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. elbartedec each year on May 23
2. Music rolevs and musicians
3. jazz tastsri
4. a gollab day of appreciation
5. It is now ackdeb by the United Nations Jazz Society
6. make a nglvii from their music

Paragraph 2

7. Jazz rditnagioe at the beginning of the 20th century
8. It has a nstrog influence from West African traditional music
9. improvisation lypsa a role
10. California angls
11. a wide variety of syetsl
12. eersgn that include acid jazz and jazz funk

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

- () worked. It is now backed by the United Nations Jazz Society. This sponsors jazz workshops
- (**1**) International Jazz Day is usually celebrated each year on May 23. It is one day of the year when people around the
- () unclear exactly where the word "jazz" came from. Many believe it was California slang to refer to the new music
- () 'swing' [and] a spontaneity and vitality of musical production in which improvisation plays a role". It is
- () Jazz originated at the beginning of the 20th century in the Southern United States. It is a combination of
- () favourite jazz artists. International Jazz Day was started in 1991 by jazz musician and bandleader D. Michael Denny. He was
- () world can celebrate this great music form. Jazz started in the USA and is America's only indigenous art form. Music
- () differed from European music because it has "a special relationship to time, defined as
- () on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Jazz Society. His aim was for a global day of appreciation for jazz. His idea
- () a cultural phenomenon. Today we have genres that include acid jazz and jazz funk. Jazz even influences hip-hop.
- () and encourages musicians to make a living from their music.
- () black musicians were playing in Chicago around 1915. The new music quickly grew into a wide variety of styles and
- () African and European music styles. It has a strong influence from West African traditional music. One expert said jazz
- () lovers and musicians around the globe go to concerts, hold celebrations, or simply get together and listen to their

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. May on year each celebrated 23

2. indigenous America's art only form

3. together favourite and jazz listen artists to get their

4. global of for a day appreciation jazz

5. musicians music their from living a make to

6. beginning Jazz of originated the at 20th the century

7. jazz said expert One music European from differed

8. role a plays improvisation

9. Many slang California was it believe

10. - hip influences even Jazz hop

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 INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about International Jazz 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 International Jazz 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.