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NERD & GEEK PRIDE DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Nerd Pride Day, also called Geek Pride Day, is a fun and serious day that celebrates nerds and geeks. Anyone around the world can feel proud to be a nerd or geek on this day. The day started in 2006 and takes place on May 25. This is a very special date because it is the world premiere of the first Star Wars movie in 1977. The day is a Spanish creation but crossed the Atlantic in 2008. It is now officially celebrated in America and other countries. Many nerd and geek bloggers hold parades and write special blogs about nerdiness and geekiness. There is a manifesto that contains the basic rights and responsibilities of nerds. This includes the right to be "even nerdier;" to "not leave your house;" and to "have few friends (or none at all)".

It is hard to find a definition of a nerd or geek on the Internet. perhaps the best clue is; "You know one when you see one." A few common characteristics of nerds and geeks might include the following: 1. Having dreams of achieving things normal people don't have. 2. Being unusually interested in technology, especially more unusual hardware and software. 3. An interest in a hobby or pastime others might think is obsessive. Geeks are extremely important to society. It was because they stayed at home, had big dreams and spent hours every day on their hobby that we now have computers. Nerds and geeks tend not to be interested in modern fashions and are not always the best at sports and dancing.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1.	a fun and serious day that	a.	Star Wars movie
2	feel proud to be a nerd or geek	b.	of nerds
3.	the world premiere of the first	c.	on this day
4.	write special blogs about	d.	celebrates nerds
5.	the basic rights and responsibilities	e.	"even nerdier"
6.	This includes the right to be	f.	nerdiness

Paragraph 2

1.	It is hard to find a definition	a.	achieving things
2	You know one when	b.	in modern fashions
3.	Having dreams of	c.	at sports and dancing
4.	Geeks are extremely	d.	of a nerd or geek
5.	geeks tend not to be interested	e.	you see one
6.	not always the best	f.	important to society

LISTENING GAP FILL

Nerd Pride Day, also called Geek Pride Day, _____ day that celebrates nerds and geeks. Anyone around the world can _____ nerd or geek on this day. The day started in 2006 and takes place on May 25. This is a very special date because _____ premiere of the first Star Wars movie in 1977. The day is a Spanish creation but crossed the Atlantic in 2008. It is now officially celebrated in America _____. Many nerd and geek bloggers hold parades and write special blogs about nerdiness and geekiness. There _____ contains the basic rights and responsibilities of nerds. This includes the right to be "even nerdier;" to "not leave your house;" and to "have few _____".

It is hard _____ of a nerd or geek on the Internet. perhaps the best clue is; "You know one when you see one." A few common characteristics of nerds and geeks _____ following: 1. Having dreams of achieving things normal people don't have. 2. Being _____ technology, especially more unusual hardware and software. 3. An interest in a hobby or pastime _____ is obsessive. Geeks are extremely important to society. It was because they stayed at home, had big dreams and _____ day on their hobby that we now have computers. Nerds and geeks tend not to be interested in modern fashions and are _____ at sports and dancing.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Nerd Pride Day, also called Geek Pride Day, is a fun and _____ day that celebrates nerds and geeks. Anyone around the world can feel _____ to be a nerd or geek on this day. The day started in 2006 and takes place on May 25. This is a very special _____ because it is the world _____ of the first Star Wars movie in 1977. The day is a Spanish creation but _____ the Atlantic in 2008. It is now officially celebrated in America and other countries. Many nerd and geek _____ hold parades and write special blogs about nerdiness and geekiness. There is a manifesto that contains the basic _____ and responsibilities of nerds. This includes the right to be "even nerdier;" to "not leave your house;" and to "have few friends (or _____ at all)".

date

crossed

rights

serious

proud

bloggers

premiere

It is hard to find a _____ of a nerd or geek on the Internet. perhaps the best clue is; "You know one when you see one." A few _____ characteristics of nerds and geeks might include the following: 1. Having dreams of _____ things normal people don't have. 2. Being unusually interested in technology, especially more _____ hardware and software. 3. An interest in a hobby or pastime others might think is _____. Geeks are extremely important to society. It was because they stayed at home, had big dreams and _____ hours every day on their hobby that we now have computers. Nerds and geeks _____ not to be interested in modern fashions and are not always the _____ at sports and dancing.

achieving

obsessive

tend

definition

best

unusual

common

spent

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Nerd Pride Day, also called Geek Pride Day, is a fun and *seriously / serious* day that celebrates nerds and geeks. Anyone around the world can feel proud to be a nerd or geek on this day. The day *starting / started* in 2006 and takes place on May 25. This is a very special date because it is the *world / worlds* premiere of the first Star Wars movie *in / at* 1977. The day is a Spanish creation but *crossed / crossing* the Atlantic in 2008. It is now officially celebrated in America and other countries. Many nerd and geek bloggers hold parades and *written / write* special blogs about nerdiness and geekiness. There is a manifesto that *containers / contains* the basic rights and responsibilities of nerds. This includes the right to be "even nerdier;" to "not leave your house;" and to "have few friends (or *no / none* at all)".

It is hard to *find / found* a definition of a nerd or geek on the Internet. perhaps the best clue is; "You *knowing / know* one when you see one." A few common characteristics of nerds and geeks might include the following: 1. Having dreams *of / for* achieving things normal people don't have. 2. Being unusually *interested / interesting* in technology, especially more unusual hardware and software. 3. An interest in a hobby or pastime others might think is *obsessively / obsessive*. Geeks are *extreme / extremely* important to society. It was because they stayed at home, had big dreams and *spent / spends* hours every day on their hobby that we now have computers. Nerds and geeks tend not to be interested *in / at* modern fashions and are not always the best at sports and dancing.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Nerd Pride Day, also called Geek Pride Day, is a fun and (1) _____ day that celebrates nerds and geeks. Anyone around the world can feel proud to be a nerd or geek on this day. The day (2) _____ in 2006 and takes place on May 25. This is a very special date because it is the world (3) _____ of the first Star Wars movie in 1977. The day is a Spanish creation but crossed the Atlantic in 2008. It is now (4) _____ celebrated in America and other countries. Many nerd and geek bloggers hold parades and write special blogs about nerdiness and geekiness. There is a manifesto that (5) _____ the basic rights and responsibilities of nerds. This includes the right to be "even nerdier;" to "not leave your house;" and to "have few friends (or (6) _____ at all)".

It is hard to find a (7) _____ of a nerd or geek on the Internet. perhaps the best clue is; "You (8) _____ one when you see one." A few common characteristics of nerds and geeks might include the following: 1. Having dreams of (9) _____ things normal people don't have. 2. Being unusually interested in technology, especially more unusual hardware and software. 3. An interest (10) _____ a hobby or pastime others might think is obsessive. Geeks are extremely important to society. It was because they stayed at home, had big dreams and (11) _____ hours every day on their hobby that we now have computers. Nerds and geeks (12) _____ not to be interested in modern fashions and are not always the best at sports and dancing.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1.	(a)	seriously	(b)	seriousness	(c)	serious	(d)	series
2.	(a)	starting	(b)	started	(c)	starts	(d)	start
3.	(a)	promotion	(b)	preview	(c)	prompting	(d)	premiere
4.	(a)	officially	(b)	officials	(c)	official	(d)	officials
5.	(a)	contain	(b)	container	(c)	contains	(d)	contents
6.	(a)	no	(b)	not	(c)	non-	(d)	none
7.	(a)	definition	(b)	definitions	(c)	definitive	(d)	definite
8.	(a)	knowing	(b)	know	(c)	known	(d)	knew
9.	(a)	achievement	(b)	achieves	(c)	achieving	(d)	achiever
10.	(a)	on	(b)	of	(c)	at	(d)	in
11.	(a)	spending	(b)	spent	(c)	spends	(d)	spender
12.	(a)	tend	(b)	mend	(c)	bend	(d)	send

SPELLING

Spell the <u>jumbled</u> words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1.   a fun and <u>esiusro</u> day

2.   feel <u>ruopd</u> to be a nerd

3.   a very <u>cespial</u> date

4.   It is now <u>aciiffyoll</u> celebrated in America

5.   write special <u>obslg</u>

6.   the right to be "even <u>nredrie</u>"

Paragraph 2

7.   <u>idnifenito</u> of a nerd

8.   A few <u>comonm</u> characteristics

9.   Being unusually <u>tsernedtie</u> in technology

10.   extremely important to <u>eoticsy</u>

11.   had big <u>smraed</u>

12.   interested in <u>demnro</u> fashions

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )   special date because it is the world premiere of the first Star Wars movie in 1977. The day is a Spanish creation but crossed

( )   more unusual hardware and software. 3. An interest in a hobby or pastime others might think is

( )   nerdier;" to "not leave your house;" and to "have few friends (or none at all)".

( )   dreams and spent hours every day on their hobby that we now have computers. Nerds and geeks tend not to be

( )   It is hard to find a definition of a nerd or geek on the Internet. perhaps the best clue is; "You know one

( )   parades and write special blogs about nerdiness and geekiness. There is a manifesto that contains

( )   world can feel proud to be a nerd or geek on this day. The day started in 2006 and takes place on May 25. This is a very

( )   obsessive. Geeks are extremely important to society. It was because they stayed at home, had big

( )   interested in modern fashions and are not always the best at sports and dancing.

( )   of achieving things normal people don't have. 2. Being unusually interested in technology, especially

(*1*)   Nerd Pride Day, also called Geek Pride Day, is a fun and serious day that celebrates nerds and geeks. Anyone around the

( )   the basic rights and responsibilities of nerds. This includes the right to be "even

( )   when you see one." A few common characteristics of nerds and geeks might include the following: 1. Having dreams

( )   the Atlantic in 2008. It is now officially celebrated in America and other countries. Many nerd and geek bloggers hold

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. nerd   a   be   to   proud   feel

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2. Wars   of   movie   the   the   first   world   Star   premiere

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3. blogs   write   about   special   nerdiness

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4. contains   basic   a   that   the   rights   manifesto

   _____

5. right   the   nerdier   even   be   to

   _____

6. to   definition   nerd   hard   a   a   is   find   of   It

   _____

7. see   You   one   you   one   know   when

   _____

8. achieving   dreams   things   of   Having

   _____

9. extremely   are   Geeks   society   to   important

   _____

10. not   modern   to   fashions   be   geeks   interested   tend   in

   _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

THE NERD & GEEK PRIDE DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Nerd & Geek Pride 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.

WRITING

Write about Nerd & Geek Pride Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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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 Nerd & Geek Pride Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Nerd & Geek Pride 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 Nerd & Geek Pride 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.