

FATHER'S DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world to say thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: "A father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." Many of us perhaps think our father is even more important. There is no age limit for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is no universal date when every country celebrates Father's Day. In many countries it is on the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a special dinner. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed before the 's'. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was placed after the 's', we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father's Day historians believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church one Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother's Day. She decided it was only fair to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took off very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent official Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become extremely commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father's Day stuff, it is almost impossible to forget when the day is.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. celebrated all | a. limit |
| 2. There is no age | b. fathers in the world |
| 3. There is no universal | c. Sunday in June |
| 4. it is on the third | d. around the world |
| 5. The apostrophe is placed | e. date |
| 6. honouring all the | f. before the 's' |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. historians believe the day | a. holiday |
| 2. it was only | b. commercialized |
| 3. The idea took off | c. when the day is |
| 4. Today it is a major | d. started in Washington |
| 5. It has become extremely | e. fair |
| 6. it is almost impossible to forget | f. very slowly |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Father's Day is celebrated _____ to say thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: "A father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." Many of us perhaps think our father is _____. There is no age limit for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is _____ when every country celebrates Father's Day. In many countries it is on the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps _____. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed before the 's'. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the _____ after the 's', we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father's Day _____ day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church one Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother's Day. She decided _____ also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The _____ slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started _____ Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become extremely commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father's Day stuff, it is almost _____ when the day is.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Father's Day is celebrated all _____ the world to say thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: "A father is _____ than a hundred schoolmasters." Many of us perhaps think our father is _____ more important. There is no age _____ for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is no universal _____ when every country celebrates Father's Day. In many countries it is on the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a _____ dinner. The day has a special punctuation _____. The apostrophe is placed before the 's'. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was _____ after the 's', we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

date
even
around
point
placed
more
special
limit

Father's Day _____ believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was _____ in church one Sunday in 1909, _____ to a sermon on Mother's Day. She decided it was only _____ to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took off very _____. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent _____ Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become _____ commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father's Day stuff, it is almost impossible to _____ when the day is.

slowly
sitting
extremely
forget
historians
listening
official
fair

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world to say *thanks / thank* you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: "A father is *many / more* than a hundred schoolmasters." Many of us perhaps think our father is even more important. There is no *old / age* limit for the person saying thank you, *or / nor* for the dad. There is no universal date when every country celebrates Father's Day. In many countries it is *on / in* the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a *special / specially* dinner. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is *placed / place* before the 's'. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was placed *after / before* the 's', we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father's Day *historians / historical* believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church *one / on* Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother's Day. She decided it was only *fare / fair* to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took *off / on* very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent *officially / official* Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become *extreme / extremely* commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father's Day *staff / stuff*, it is almost impossible to forget when the day *is / was*.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world to say thank you (1) _____ dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: "A father is (2) _____ than a hundred schoolmasters." Many of us perhaps think our father is even more important. There is no (3) _____ limit for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is no universal date when every country celebrates Father's Day. In many countries it is (4) _____ the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a special (5) _____. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed before the 's'. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was placed (6) _____ the 's', we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father's Day (7) _____ believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church (8) _____ Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother's Day. She decided it was only fair to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she (9) _____ a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took off very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent (10) _____ Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become (11) _____ commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father's Day (12) _____, it is almost impossible to forget when the day is.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) for | (b) to | (c) so | (d) with |
| 2. | (a) most | (b) more | (c) many | (d) much |
| 3. | (a) age | (b) old | (c) young | (d) youth |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) diner | (b) dining | (c) dinners | (d) dinner |
| 6. | (a) on | (b) after | (c) below | (d) before |
| 7. | (a) historians | (b) historical | (c) history | (d) hysterical |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) a | (c) one | (d) in |
| 9. | (a) arrangement | (b) arranges | (c) arranging | (d) arranged |
| 10. | (a) officially | (b) officialdom | (c) official | (d) officials |
| 11. | (a) extremely | (b) extremity | (c) extreme | (d) extremes |
| 12. | (a) stuff | (b) stiff | (c) staffs | (d) staff |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. radecetelb all around the world
2. There is no age tiiml
3. There is no auvilnsr date
4. Most fathers ierecve presents
5. The day has a sicelpa punctuation point
6. ornuoinhg all the fathers in the world

Paragraph 2

7. historians evbleei the day started in Washington
8. she deaganrr a special church service
9. supdptroe the idea
10. Today it is a rmoja holiday
11. It has become erymeextl commercialized
12. full of Father's Day ffuts

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in church one Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother's Day. She decided it was only fair to also have a day
- () for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own
- () important fathers are. It says: "A father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." Many of us perhaps think our father is even
- () in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent official Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major
- () more important. There is no age limit for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is no universal
- () of Father's Day stuff, it is almost impossible to forget when the day is.
- (**1**) Father's Day is celebrated all around the world to say thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how
- () father. The idea took off very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon
- () apostrophe was placed after the 's', we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.
- () Father's Day historians believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting
- () receive presents and cards and perhaps even a special dinner. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is
- () date when every country celebrates Father's Day. In many countries it is on the third Sunday in June. Most fathers
- () placed before the 's'. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the
- () holiday. It has become extremely commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. all celebrated is Day Father's world the around

2. is limit no There age

3. the on is it June in Sunday third

4. day punctuation has point a The special

5. the in world all fathers the honouring

6. day in historians the started Washington believe

7. also have a day for fathers it was only fair to

8. idea The slowly very off took

9. commercialized become It extremely has

10. Father's are Day so stuff full The of shops

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 FATHER'S DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Father's 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 Father's 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.