

FRIENDSHIP DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Friendship Day takes place on the first Sunday of August every year. It is one day of the year we can say thank you to our friends. The tradition began in the USA in 1935 and has slowly spread around the world. The U.S. Congress declared Friendship Day as a national celebration. It still has a way to go before it is as popular as Mother's Day and Father's Day. On Friendship Day people spend time with their friends and exchange presents. Some people send cards, write special songs or bake friendship cakes. One great way to celebrate is to make a poster or create an album about your friend or friends. Perhaps include Winnie the Pooh on it because the United Nations made Pooh the world's Ambassador of Friendship in 1997.

Friends are extremely important to us. They are often like members of our own family. In fact, many people spend more time with their friends than with their relatives. People also tell their friends more secrets. We start friendships almost from the time we can walk. Everyone has special childhood friends, and some of these become lifelong friends. We usually meet our best friends early on in our life. Best friends usually stay best friends forever. Nowadays the Internet has changed the way we make friends. Many people strike up friendships online. The Web is also useful to find long-lost friends. There are many sites to find old friends.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. one day of the year we can | a. way to go |
| 2. slowly spread | b. to make a poster |
| 3. It still has a | c. say thank you |
| 4. people spend time | d. Ambassador of Friendship |
| 5. One great way to celebrate is | e. around the world |
| 6. the UN made Pooh the world's | f. with their friends |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Friends are extremely | a. best friends forever |
| 2. People also tell their friends | b. early on in our life |
| 3. Everyone has special | c. more secrets |
| 4. We usually meet our best friends | d. important to us |
| 5. Best friends usually stay | e. lost friends |
| 6. find long- | f. childhood friends |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Friendship Day takes _____ Sunday of August every year. It is one day of the year we can say thank you to our friends. The tradition began in the USA in 1935 and has _____ the world. The U.S. Congress declared Friendship Day as a national celebration. It still _____ before it is as popular as Mother's Day and Father's Day. On Friendship Day _____ their friends and exchange presents. Some people send cards, write special songs or bake friendship cakes. _____ celebrate is to make a poster or create an album about your friend or friends. Perhaps include Winnie the Pooh _____ United Nations made Pooh the world's Ambassador of Friendship in 1997.

Friends are extremely important to us. They are often like members _____. In fact, many people spend more time with their friends _____ relatives. People also tell their friends more secrets. We start friendships almost from the _____. Everyone has special childhood friends, and some of these become lifelong friends. We usually meet our best friends early _____. Best friends usually stay best friends forever. Nowadays the Internet has _____ we make friends. Many people strike up friendships online. The Web is also useful to _____. There are many sites to find old friends.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Friendship Day takes _____ on the first Sunday of August every year. It is one day of the year we can say thank you to our friends. The _____ began in the USA in 1935 and has slowly spread around the world. The U.S. Congress _____ Friendship Day as a national celebration. It still has a way to go before it is as _____ as Mother's Day and Father's Day. On Friendship Day people spend time with their friends and _____ presents. Some people send cards, write special songs or bake friendship cakes. One _____ way to celebrate is to make a poster or create an album about your friend or friends. Perhaps _____ Winnie the Pooh on it _____ the United Nations made Pooh the world's Ambassador of Friendship in 1997.

popular

tradition

include

exchange

because

place

declared

great

Friends are _____ important to us. They are often like members of our own family. In _____, many people spend more time with their friends than with their _____. People also tell their friends more secrets. We start friendships almost from the time we can walk. Everyone has _____ childhood friends, and some of these become _____ friends. We usually meet our best friends early on in our life. Best friends usually stay best friends _____. Nowadays the Internet has changed the way we make friends. Many people strike up friendships _____. The Web is also useful to find long-_____ friends. There are many sites to find old friends.

relatives

lifelong

online

extremely

lost

special

fact

forever

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Friendship Day *takes / taking* place on the first Sunday of August every year. It is one day of the year we can say thank you to *your / our* friends. The tradition began in the USA in 1935 and has slowly spread around the world. The U.S. Congress *declaration / declared* Friendship Day as a national celebration. It still has a way to *go / come* before it is as popular as Mother's Day and Father's Day. On Friendship Day people *spend / spending* time with their friends and exchange presents. Some people send cards, write special songs or bake friendship cakes. One great *ways / way* to celebrate is to make a poster or *creative / create* an album about your friend or friends. Perhaps include Winnie the Pooh on it because the United Nations *made / gave* Pooh the world's Ambassador of Friendship in 1997.

Friends are *extremely / extreme* important to us. They are often like members of our *own / owner* family. In fact, many people spend more time with their friends than with their *relation / relatives*. People also tell their friends more secrets. We start friendships almost from the time we can walk. Everyone has *specially / special* childhood friends, and some of these become lifelong friends. We usually meet our best friends early *in / on* in our life. Best friends usually stay best friends forever. Nowadays the Internet has changed the way we *make / take* friends. Many people strike up friendships online. The Web is also useful to find *long-lost / long-losing* friends. There are many sites to find old friends.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Friendship Day takes place on the first Sunday (1) _____ August every year. It is one day of the year we can say thank you to our friends. The tradition (2) _____ in the USA in 1935 and has slowly spread around the world. The U.S. Congress declared Friendship Day as a national celebration. It still has a way to (3) _____ before it is as popular as Mother's Day and Father's Day. On Friendship Day people (4) _____ time with their friends and exchange presents. Some people send cards, write special songs or bake friendship cakes. One (5) _____ way to celebrate is to make a poster or create an album about your friend or friends. Perhaps include Winnie the Pooh on it because the United Nations made Pooh the world's Ambassador (6) _____ Friendship in 1997.

Friends are (7) _____ important to us. They are often like members of our own family. In fact, many people spend more time with their friends than with their (8) _____. People also tell their friends more secrets. We start friendships almost from the time we can walk. Everyone has special childhood friends, and some of these become (9) _____ friends. We usually meet our best friends early on in our life. Best friends usually (10) _____ best friends forever. Nowadays the Internet has changed the way we make friends. Many people strike (11) _____ friendships online. The Web is also useful to find (12) _____-lost friends. There are many sites to find old friends.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) of | (d) by |
| 2. | (a) began | (b) beginnings | (c) beginning | (d) begin |
| 3. | (a) go | (b) come | (c) leave | (d) arrive |
| 4. | (a) spent | (b) spending | (c) spender | (d) spend |
| 5. | (a) grate | (b) grateful | (c) great | (d) greatest |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) with | (d) on |
| 7. | (a) extremely | (b) extremity | (c) extremes | (d) extreme |
| 8. | (a) relatively | (b) relatives | (c) relation | (d) relativity |
| 9. | (a) so long | (b) longing | (c) lifelong | (d) belong |
| 10. | (a) stays | (b) staying | (c) stayed | (d) stay |
| 11. | (a) down | (b) up | (c) on | (d) out |
| 12. | (a) length | (b) longish | (c) lengthy | (d) long |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the first Sunday of stgAuu
2. slowly repads around the world
3. a national nibeoaelrct
4. exgahcne presents
5. reecat an album
6. the Uitnde Nations

Paragraph 2

7. Friends are xeeelytrm important
8. pneds more time
9. dilhchood friends
10. onilglef friends
11. sktrei up friendships online
12. find nlgo-otsl friends

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () up friendships online. The Web is also useful
- () to find long-lost friends. There are many sites to find old friends.
- () United Nations made Pooh the world's Ambassador of Friendship in 1997.
- () friendships almost from the time we can walk. Everyone has special childhood friends, and some of these become
- () an album about your friend or friends. Perhaps include Winnie the Pooh on it because the
- (**1**) Friendship Day takes place on the first Sunday of August every year. It is one day of the year we can say thank
- () declared Friendship Day as a national celebration. It still has a way to go before it is as popular as Mother's Day
- () you to our friends. The tradition began in the USA in 1935 and has slowly spread around the world. The U.S. Congress
- () more time with their friends than with their relatives. People also tell their friends more secrets. We start
- () lifelong friends. We usually meet our best friends early on in our life. Best friends usually stay best
- () Friends are extremely important to us. They are often like members of our own family. In fact, many people spend
- () cards, write special songs or bake friendship cakes. One great way to celebrate is to make a poster or create
- () friends forever. Nowadays the Internet has changed the way we make friends. Many people strike
- () and Father's Day. On Friendship Day people spend time with their friends and exchange presents. Some people send

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. August the first Takes Sunday place of on.

2. The USA tradition in began 1935 in the.

3. and time friends presents Spend their exchange with.

4. great way to celebrate is to make a poster One.

5. your about . album an friend Create

6. us Friends extremely to are important.

7. more friends their tell also People secrets.

8. friends childhood special has Everyone.

9. make The changed we has way friends Internet the.

10. find are old many friends sites to There.

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 FRIENDSHIP DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Friendship 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 Friendship 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.