

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

August the 12th is International Youth Day. It came about because the United Nations General Assembly wanted a day to celebrate the young people of the world. On December the 17th, 1999 the General Assembly declared International Youth Day at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, Portugal. The aim of the day is to focus on youth issues around the world. The idea is simple. The world's youth make up over a sixth of the world population, therefore they need a special day. The UN defines a youth as anyone in the age group between 15 and 24 years old. Experts predict the number of youth in the world will greatly increase over the coming years, especially with a decrease in child mortality.

Many different things happen on International Youth Day. There are activities and events all around the world. These are run by youth and for youth. The day promotes the benefits that young people bring to our world. There are youth conferences on issues like education and finding a job and many charity events. Other things include concerts, parades and educational workshops in schools. There is a different theme each year. The first was "Addressing Health and Unemployment". Other themes have been on youth and sustainable development, youth and tackling poverty, and youth and climate change. The more this day is celebrated, the more responsible our young people will be.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. a day to celebrate | <i>a.</i> of the world population |
| 2. The aim of the day is to focus | <i>b.</i> will greatly increase |
| 3. youth make up over a sixth | <i>c.</i> 15 and 24 years old |
| 4. the age group between | <i>d.</i> mortality |
| 5. the number of youth in the world | <i>e.</i> the young people |
| 6. a decrease in child | <i>f.</i> on youth issues |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. There are activities and events | <i>a.</i> in schools |
| 2. These are run by | <i>b.</i> poverty |
| 3. the benefits that young people | <i>c.</i> all around the world |
| 4. educational workshops | <i>d.</i> theme each year |
| 5. There is a different | <i>e.</i> youth and for youth |
| 6. tackling | <i>f.</i> bring to our world |

LISTENING GAP FILL

August the 12th is International Youth Day. _____ because the United Nations General Assembly wanted a day to celebrate the young _____. On December the 17th, 1999 the General Assembly declared International Youth Day at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, Portugal. _____ is to focus on youth issues around the world. The idea is simple. The world's youth make _____ the world population, therefore they need a special day. The UN defines a youth as anyone in the age group between 15 and 24 years old. _____ number of youth in the world will greatly increase over the coming years, especially with a decrease _____.

Many different _____ International Youth Day. There are activities and events all around the world. These are run by _____. The day promotes the benefits that young people bring to our world. There are youth conferences _____ education and finding a job and many charity events. Other things include concerts, parades and educational workshops in schools. There _____ each year. The first was "Addressing Health and Unemployment". Other themes have been on youth and sustainable development, youth and _____, and youth and climate change. The more this day is celebrated, the more responsible our _____ be.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

August the 12th is International Youth Day. It _____ about because the United Nations General Assembly wanted a day to _____ the young people of the world. On December the 17th, 1999 the General Assembly declared International Youth Day at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, Portugal. The _____ of the day is to focus on youth _____ around the world. The idea is simple. The world's youth make up over a _____ of the world population, therefore they need a special day. The UN defines a youth as anyone in the age _____ between 15 and 24 years old. Experts _____ the number of youth in the world will greatly increase over the coming years, especially with a decrease in _____ mortality.

sixth

aim

came

child

group

predict

celebrate

issues

Many different things _____ on International Youth Day. There are activities and events all around the world. These are _____ by youth and for youth. The day _____ the benefits that young people bring to our world. There are youth conferences on issues like education and finding a job and many charity _____. Other things _____ concerts, parades and educational workshops in schools. There is a different _____ each year. The first was "Addressing Health and Unemployment". Other themes have been on youth and sustainable development, youth and _____ poverty, and youth and climate change. The more this day is celebrated, the more _____ our young people will be.

include

run

responsible

events

happen

tackling

theme

promotes

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

August the 12th is International Youth Day. It *come / came* about because the United Nations General Assembly wanted a day to celebrate the young *person / people* of the world. On December the 17th, 1999 the General Assembly *declared / declaring* International Youth Day at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, Portugal. The aim of the day is to focus on *youth / young* issues around the world. The idea is *simplest / simple*. The world's youth make up over a sixth of the world population, therefore they need a special day. The UN *defines / definitions* a youth as anyone in the age group between 15 and 24 years old. Experts predict the number of youth in the world will greatly *increasing / increase* over the coming years, especially with a decrease in *children / child* mortality.

Many different things *happening / happen* on International Youth Day. There are activities and events all around the world. These are *run / running* by youth and for youth. The day promotes the benefits that young people *bringing / bring* to our world. There are youth conferences on issues like education and finding a *work / job* and many charity events. Other things *including / include* concerts, parades and educational workshops in schools. There is a different *theme / them* each year. The first was "Addressing Health and Unemployment". Other themes have been on youth and sustainable development, youth and tackling *poor / poverty*, and youth and climate change. The more this day is celebrated, the more responsible our *youth / young* people will be.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

August the 12th is International Youth Day. It (1) _____ about because the United Nations General Assembly wanted a day to celebrate the (2) _____ people of the world. On December the 17th, 1999 the General Assembly declared International Youth Day at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, Portugal. The aim of the day is to (3) _____ on youth issues around the world. The idea is simple. The world's youth make up over (4) _____ sixth of the world population, therefore they need a special day. The UN (5) _____ a youth as anyone in the age group between 15 and 24 years old. Experts predict the number of youth in the world will greatly increase (6) _____ the coming years, especially with a decrease in child mortality.

Many different things happen on International Youth Day. There are activities and events (7) _____ around the world. These are run by youth and for youth. The day promotes the benefits that young people (8) _____ to our world. There are youth conferences on issues like education and finding a job and many charity events. Other things (9) _____ concerts, parades and educational workshops in schools. There is a different (10) _____ each year. The first was "Addressing Health and Unemployment". Other themes have been on youth and sustainable development, youth and (11) _____ poverty, and youth and climate change. The more this day is celebrated, the more (12) _____ our young people will be.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) come | (b) coming | (c) comes | (d) came |
| 2. | (a) youth | (b) young | (c) youngest | (d) youngish |
| 3. | (a) focused | (b) focusing | (c) focus | (d) focuses |
| 4. | (a) a | (b) the | (c) some | (d) five |
| 5. | (a) definition | (b) defines | (c) define | (d) definitely |
| 6. | (a) over | (b) past | (c) above | (d) across |
| 7. | (a) whole | (b) entire | (c) all | (d) every |
| 8. | (a) carry | (b) deliver | (c) take | (d) bring |
| 9. | (a) inclusive | (b) including | (c) include | (d) includes |
| 10. | (a) them | (b) themes | (c) thematic | (d) theme |
| 11. | (a) tackle | (b) tackling | (c) tackles | (d) tackler |
| 12. | (a) responsible | (b) response | (c) responsive | (d) responds |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. elctebear the young people of the world
2. oucfs on youth
3. over a hisxt
4. The UN sieendf a youth
5. Experts ecdptri
6. child otylaitrm

Paragraph 2

7. activities and vteens
8. promotes the iebftsen
9. sissue like education
10. a different etmeh each year
11. tackling oetpryv
12. ecmntia change

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () International Youth Day at the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon, Portugal. The aim
- () of the day is to focus on youth issues around the world. The idea is simple. The world's youth make up over a sixth
- () of the world population, therefore they need a special day. The UN defines a youth as anyone in the age group between 15
- () world. These are run by youth and for youth. The day promotes the benefits that young people
- () a day to celebrate the young people of the world. On December the 17th, 1999 the General Assembly declared
- () increase over the coming years, especially with a decrease in child mortality.
- () events. Other things include concerts, parades and educational workshops in schools. There is a different
- () bring to our world. There are youth conferences on issues like education and finding a job and many charity
- (**1**) August the 12th is International Youth Day. It came about because the United Nations General Assembly wanted
- () change. The more this day is celebrated, the more responsible our young people will be.
- () and 24 years old. Experts predict the number of youth in the world will greatly
- () on youth and sustainable development, youth and tackling poverty, and youth and climate
- () theme each year. The first was "Addressing Health and Unemployment". Other themes have been
- () Many different things happen on International Youth Day. There are activities and events all around the

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. celebrate the young people of the world A day to.

2. on focus to is day the of aim The issues youth.

3. world population Youth make up over a sixth of the.

4. 15 between group age the in Anyone old years 24 and.

5. the years Greatly over coming increase.

6. are events the There and around activities all world.

7. youth by youth These and are for run.

8. that bring world benefits people our The young to.

9. year each theme different a is There.

10. was first The Unemployment and Health Addressing

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 YOUTH DAY SURVEY

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

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