

WORLD HABITAT DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The first Monday in October each year is World Habitat Day. It was started by the United Nations. The UN said the idea is for us to “reaffirm that adequate shelter is a basic human right”. It also said we must “focus on the conditions of cities and towns...to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future”. The UN hopes this day will play a part in changing the future. The organization asks the world to “join us in support of World Habitat Day, as we raise our voices and declare that the lack of decent, affordable housing is unacceptable.” It says: “Durable, adequate housing can and should be made a priority everywhere- in your community, in your town, in your country, in our world.”

The United Nations is focusing on planning our urban future. It hopes to raise awareness of the need to improve the way designers build new towns and cities. There are major new challenges in the 21st century. For many people, housing is a serious problem. One-third of those who live in cities (one billion people) live in slums. They have no access to clean water or sanitation. These unhealthy conditions lead to disease and many social problems. Many cities and towns are also feeling the effects of climate change, population growth and economic instability. Many people lost their homes in the 2008-2009 financial crisis. World Habitat Day is a time to focus on these problems and to start working on solutions.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. adequate shelter is a basic | <i>a.</i> part |
| 2. collective | <i>b.</i> housing |
| 3. play a | <i>c.</i> voices |
| 4. raise our | <i>d.</i> human right |
| 5. affordable | <i>e.</i> a priority |
| 6. should be made | <i>f.</i> responsibility |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. planning our | <i>a.</i> build new towns |
| 2. the way designers | <i>b.</i> of climate change |
| 3. no access to clean water | <i>c.</i> conditions |
| 4. unhealthy | <i>d.</i> urban future |
| 5. feeling the effects | <i>e.</i> on solutions |
| 6. start working | <i>f.</i> or sanitation |

LISTENING GAP FILL

The first Monday in October each year is World Habitat Day. It _____ United Nations. The UN said the idea is for us to "reaffirm that adequate shelter _____ right". It also said we must "focus on the conditions of cities and towns...to remind _____ collective responsibility for the future". The UN hopes this day will play a part in changing the future. The organization asks the world to "join _____ World Habitat Day, as we raise our voices and declare that the lack of decent, affordable housing is unacceptable." It says: "Durable, _____ and should _____ everywhere- in your community, in your town, in your country, in our world."

The United Nations is focusing on planning _____. It hopes to raise awareness of the need to improve the way designers build new towns and cities. There are _____ in the 21st century. For many people, housing is a serious problem. One-third of those who live in cities (one billion people) _____. They have no access to clean water or sanitation. These unhealthy conditions lead to disease and many social problems. Many cities and towns are also _____ of climate change, population growth and economic instability. Many _____ homes in the 2008-2009 financial crisis. World Habitat Day is a time to focus on these problems and to start _____.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

The first Monday in October _____ year is World Habitat Day. It was started by the United Nations. The UN said the idea is for us to "reaffirm that adequate _____ is a basic human right". It also said we must "focus on the conditions of cities and towns...to _____ the world of its collective responsibility for the future". The UN hopes this day will play a _____ in changing the future. The organization asks the world to "join us in support of World Habitat Day, as we _____ our voices and declare that the lack of _____, affordable housing is unacceptable." It says: "Durable, _____ housing can and should be made a _____ everywhere- in your community, in your town, in your country, in our world."

remind
raise
adequate
each
shelter
priority
part
decent

The United Nations is focusing on planning our _____ future. It hopes to raise awareness of the need to improve the _____ designers build new towns and cities. There are major new _____ in the 21st century. For many people, housing is a serious problem. One-third of those who live in cities (one billion people) live in _____. They have no access to clean water or sanitation. These unhealthy conditions _____ to disease and many social problems. Many cities and towns are also feeling the _____ of climate change, population growth and economic instability. Many people lost their homes in the 2008-2009 financial _____. World Habitat Day is a time to focus on these problems and to start _____ on solutions.

lead
urban
effects
challenges
working
slums
way
crisis

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

The first Monday in October *all / each* year is World Habitat Day. It was started by the United Nations. The UN said the idea is for us to "reaffirm that *adequate / adequately* shelter is a basic human right". It also said we must "focus *on / in* the conditions of cities and towns...to remind the world of its *collective / collection* responsibility for the future". The UN hopes this day will play a *party / part* in changing the future. The organization asks the world to "join us in *supportive / support* of World Habitat Day, as we raise our voices and declare that the lack of decent, *afforded / affordable* housing is unacceptable." It says: "Durable, adequate housing can and should be made a *prioritize / priority* everywhere- in your community, in your town, in your country, in our world."

The United Nations is focusing *on / in* planning our urban future. It hopes to *rise / raise* awareness of the need to improve the way designers build new towns and cities. There are *majority / major* new challenges in the 21st century. For many people, housing is a serious problem. One-third of those who live in cities (one billion people) live in *slams / slums*. They have no access to clean water or *sanitary / sanitation*. These unhealthy conditions lead to disease and many social problems. Many cities and towns are also feeling the *affects / effects* of climate change, population *growing / growth* and economic instability. Many people lost their homes in the 2008-2009 financial crisis. World Habitat Day is a time to focus on these problems and to start working on *solutions / solves*.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The first Monday in October (1) _____ year is World Habitat Day. It was started by the United Nations. The UN said the (2) _____ is for us to "reaffirm that adequate shelter is a basic human right". It also said we must "focus on the conditions of cities and towns...to (3) _____ the world of its collective responsibility for the future". The UN hopes this day will play a part in changing the future. The organization (4) _____ the world to "join us in support of World Habitat Day, as we raise our voices and declare that the lack of (5) _____, affordable housing is unacceptable." It says: "Durable, adequate housing can and should be (6) _____ a priority everywhere- in your community, in your town, in your country, in our world."

The United Nations is focusing on planning our urban future. It hopes to (7) _____ awareness of the need to improve the way designers build new towns and cities. There are (8) _____ new challenges in the 21st century. For many people, housing is a serious problem. One-(9) _____ of those who live in cities (one billion people) live in slums. They have no access to clean water or sanitation. These unhealthy conditions lead to disease and many (10) _____ problems. Many cities and towns are also feeling the effects of climate change, population (11) _____ and economic instability. Many people lost their homes in the 2008-2009 financial crisis. World Habitat Day is a time to focus on these problems and to start (12) _____ on solutions.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) all | (b) each | (c) whole | (d) entire |
| 2. | (a) ideas | (b) ideals | (c) ideally | (d) idea |
| 3. | (a) remind | (b) remember | (c) memorize | (d) memories |
| 4. | (a) orders | (b) speaks | (c) asks | (d) talks |
| 5. | (a) recently | (b) descend | (c) decently | (d) decent |
| 6. | (a) done | (b) made | (c) taken | (d) putting |
| 7. | (a) raise | (b) rise | (c) up | (d) heighten |
| 8. | (a) majority | (b) majority | (c) major | (d) majors |
| 9. | (a) third | (b) three | (c) thirty | (d) thirds |
| 10. | (a) socially | (b) social | (c) socialize | (d) socials |
| 11. | (a) growing | (b) growers | (c) grown | (d) growth |
| 12. | (a) worker | (b) workable | (c) working | (d) workaholic |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a icbas human right
2. the nsdtiocnio of cities
3. nggniach the future
4. raise our soivce
5. egaudaet housing
6. in your mncmyotiu

Paragraph 2

7. planning our urnba future
8. the need to oirevmp
9. a isrusoe problem
10. no ccases to clean water
11. the ectsfef of climate change
12. working on uoiolnss

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The United Nations is focusing on planning our urban future. It hopes to raise
- () 2008-2009 financial crisis. World Habitat Day is a time to focus on these problems and to start working on solutions.
- () of cities and towns...to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future". The UN hopes this day will
- () awareness of the need to improve the way designers build new towns and cities. There are major new
- () to "reaffirm that adequate shelter is a basic human right". It also said we must "focus on the conditions
- () the effects of climate change, population growth and economic instability. Many people lost their homes in the
- () play a part in changing the future. The organization asks the world to "join us in support of World Habitat Day, as we raise our
- () voices and declare that the lack of decent, affordable housing is unacceptable." It says: "Durable, adequate
- () conditions lead to disease and many social problems. Many cities and towns are also feeling
- () in cities (one billion people) live in slums. They have no access to clean water or sanitation. These unhealthy
- () challenges in the 21st century. For many people, housing is a serious problem. One-third of those who live
- () in your community, in your town, in your country, in our world."
- () housing can and should be made a priority everywhere-
- (**1**) The first Monday in October each year is World Habitat Day. It was started by the United Nations. The UN said the idea is for us

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Adequate right human basic a is shelter.

2. cities on the We conditions must of focus.

3. part in changing the future This day will play a.

4. Day support of Join World us Habitat in.

5. can a and priority should be Housing made.

6. planning urban on our future Focusing.

7. Improve towns new build designers way the.

8. water clean to access no have They.

9. to unhealthy lead disease These conditions.

10. problems these on focus to time A.

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 WORLD HABITAT DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Habitat 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 World Habitat 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.