

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 states initially agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the vast majority of countries accept it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all act on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles are fully applied everywhere, for everyone."

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are various international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all dealing with human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is sad that we still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades pass. There are still too many countries that do not respect even the most basic of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice one's own religion, and the right to education.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. one of the most | a. rights |
| 2. 48 states initially | b. important events |
| 3. the vast majority of | c. applied |
| 4. our collective | d. agreed to the Declaration |
| 5. uphold the | e. responsibility |
| 6. its principles are fully | f. countries accept it |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. cultural | a. the world smaller |
| 2. as the decades | b. own religion |
| 3. the most basic | c. education |
| 4. globalization makes | d. events |
| 5. practice one's | e. of rights |
| 6. the right to | f. pass |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Human Rights Day _____ important events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the 10th of December every year. _____ in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 _____ to the Declaration. Of course, _____ countries accept it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that _____ our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document _____ fully applied everywhere, for everyone."

The _____ at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are various international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions _____ human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. _____ still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades pass. There are still too many countries that do not respect even _____ rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much _____ to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice _____, and the right to education.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations _____. It takes place on the 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. _____ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 states _____ agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the _____ majority of countries _____ it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all _____ on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only _____ the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles are _____ applied everywhere, for everyone."

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vast
honour
calendar
act
fully
initially
accept

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are _____ international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all dealing with human rights _____. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is _____ that we still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades _____. There are still too many countries that do not respect _____ the most basic of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world _____, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much work to be _____ to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice one's _____ religion, and the right to education.

sad
even
various
done
own
pass
issues
smaller

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Human Rights Day is one of the most *importance / important* events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the 10th of December *every / all* year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 states *initially / initials* agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the *vastness / vast* majority of countries *except / accept* it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all *action / act* on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the *towering / tower* vision of that inspiring document when its principles are *full / fully* applied everywhere, for everyone."

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are *various / variety* international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all *dealt / dealing* with human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is *sad / sadly* that we still need this day. It *actually / actual* seems we need it more as the decades *past / pass*. There are still too many countries that do not respect even the most *basically / basic* of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting *huger / bigger*. There is still so much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice *ones / one's* own religion, and the right to education.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations calendar. It (1) _____ place on the 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 (2) _____ initially agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the (3) _____ majority of countries accept it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my (4) _____ that we will all act on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights (5) _____ in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles are fully (6) _____ everywhere, for everyone."

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are (7) _____ international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all (8) _____ with human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is sad that we still need this day. It (9) _____ seems we need it more as the decades (10) _____. There are still too many countries that do not respect (11) _____ the most basic of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom (12) _____ thought, to practice one's own religion, and the right to education.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) taking | (b) taken | (c) takes | (d) took |
| 2. | (a) stated | (b) states | (c) stating | (d) statues |
| 3. | (a) vast | (b) mast | (c) last | (d) cast |
| 4. | (a) hoping | (b) hoped | (c) hopes | (d) hope |
| 5. | (a) shrines | (b) shrinks | (c) enshrined | (d) shining |
| 6. | (a) apply | (b) applies | (c) applied | (d) application |
| 7. | (a) various | (b) variety | (c) vary | (d) varieties |
| 8. | (a) sealing | (b) dealing | (c) healing | (d) peeling |
| 9. | (a) actuality | (b) actual | (c) actualize | (d) actually |
| 10. | (a) past | (b) pass | (c) parse | (d) pasts |
| 11. | (a) even | (b) never | (c) ever | (d) evens |
| 12. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) on | (d) of |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. important etvsen
2. dctaree the Universal Declaration
3. the vast raiytomj
4. dhulop the rights
5. the towering sivojn
6. principles are uflyl applied

Paragraph 2

7. The cusfo of the day
8. lularuct events
9. a different ehmte each year
10. as the dceadse pass
11. the right to meerdf
12. practice one's own oiegrlin

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () pass. There are still too many countries that do not respect even the most basic of rights, including the right
- () 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only
- () year on Human Rights Day. It is sad that we still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades
- () are fully applied everywhere, for everyone."
- () 48 states initially agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the vast majority of countries accept it today. The High
- () The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are various international conferences, meetings,
- (**1**) Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the
- () much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom of
- () Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all
- () Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles
- () cultural events and exhibitions all dealing with human rights issues. There is a different theme each
- () act on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal
- () thought, to practice one's own religion, and the right to education.
- () to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Nations United the on events important calendar.

2. of countries the accept vast it majority today.

3. our will collective all responsibility act on we.

4. rights Declaration enshrined in uphold the the Universal.

5. inspiring that of vision towering the document.

6. of . at focus is The day U.N. the headquarters the.

7. dealing all exhibitions issues rights human with.

8. sad still day is we this It that need.

9. the even respect rights of basic most.

10. work done is much be There so to still.

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 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Human Rights 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 Human Rights 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.