

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The 2nd of December is International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. It was on this day in 1949 that the United Nations passed an anti-slavery resolution. This was titled the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. It was another half a century before the UN created an official day based on this. The day serves to remind people that slavery still exists in this world today. It highlights the fact that slavery is a terrible breach of human rights. The U.N. wants people to fully understand the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which says: "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude." Most slavery today is forced labour, child labour and human trafficking.

Slavery is thousands of years old. It dates back to almost every ancient civilization. It was a part of normal international trade throughout the Roman Empire, through to Medieval times and right up to the transatlantic slave trade. Slavery in the USA was officially made illegal in 1865. The website Wikipedia describes the current situation of slavery. It says: "Although outlawed in nearly all countries, forms of slavery still exist." The site provides an estimate that there are over 28 million people in slavery today. Human rights campaigner Siddharth Kara calculated the average price of slaves on today's market is \$340, with a high of \$1,900. Most slavery today takes place in parts of Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. passed an anti- | a. exists |
| 2. half a | b. day |
| 3. an official | c. trafficking |
| 4. slavery still | d. century |
| 5. a terrible breach | e. slavery resolution |
| 6. human | f. of human rights |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. ancient | a. Empire |
| 2. throughout the Roman | b. in slavery today |
| 3. the transatlantic slave | c. all countries |
| 4. outlawed in nearly | d. civilization |
| 5. 28 million people | e. price of slaves |
| 6. the average | f. trade |

LISTENING GAP FILL

The 2nd of December is International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. _____ in 1949 that the United Nations passed an anti-slavery resolution. This _____ Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. It _____ a century before the UN created an official day based on this. The day serves to remind people _____ exists in this world today. It highlights the fact that slavery is _____ human rights. The U.N. wants people to fully understand the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which says: "No one _____ slavery or servitude." Most slavery today is forced labour, child labour and human trafficking.

Slavery is thousands of years old. _____ almost every ancient civilization. It was a part of normal international trade throughout the Roman Empire, through to Medieval _____ to the transatlantic slave trade. Slavery in the USA was officially _____ 1865. The website Wikipedia describes the current situation of slavery. It says: "Although outlawed in nearly all countries, forms of _____." The site provides an estimate that there are over 28 million people in slavery today. Human rights campaigner Siddharth Kara calculated the _____ slaves on today's market is \$340, with a high of \$1,900. Most slavery _____ in parts of Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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breach

passed

exists

human

century

held

titled

based

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exist

dates

today

place

right

normal

average

current

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

The 2nd of December is International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. It was on this day in 1949 that the United Nations *past / passed* an anti-slavery resolution. This was *titles / titled* the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. It was another half a century *before / after* the UN created an official day based on this. The day *service / serves* to remind people that slavery still *exits / exists* in this world today. It highlights the fact that slavery is a terrible *breach / broach* of human rights. The U.N. wants people to *fulfill / fully* understand the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which says: "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude." Most slavery today is *forcing / forced* labour, child labour and human trafficking.

Slavery is thousands of years old. It *dates / dated* back to almost every ancient civilization. It was a part of *normal / normality* international trade throughout the Roman Empire, *through / though* to Medieval times and right up to the transatlantic slave trade. Slavery in the USA was officially *made / did* illegal in 1865. The website Wikipedia describes the current situation of slavery. It says: "Although outlawed in nearly *all / each* countries, forms of slavery still *exist / exits*." The site provides an estimate that there are over 28 million people in slavery today. Human rights campaigner Siddharth Kara *calculations / calculated* the average price of slaves on today's market is \$340, with a high of \$1,900. Most slavery today takes place in *part / parts* of Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The 2nd of December is International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. It was on this day in 1949 that the United Nations (1) _____ an anti-slavery resolution. This was titled the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. It was (2) _____ half a century before the UN created an official day based on this. The day serves to (3) _____ people that slavery still exists in this world today. It highlights the fact that slavery is a terrible (4) _____ of human rights. The U.N. wants people to (5) _____ understand the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which says: "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude." Most slavery today is (6) _____ labour, child labour and human trafficking.

Slavery is thousands of years old. It (7) _____ back to almost every ancient civilization. It was a part of (8) _____ international trade throughout the Roman Empire, through to Medieval times and right up to the transatlantic slave trade. Slavery in the USA was officially (9) _____ illegal in 1865. The website Wikipedia describes the current situation of slavery. It says: "Although outlawed in nearly all countries, forms of slavery still (10) _____." The site provides an (11) _____ that there are over 28 million people in slavery today. Human rights campaigner Siddharth Kara calculated the average price of slaves on today's market is \$340, with a high of \$1,900. Most slavery today takes (12) _____ in parts of Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) passed | (b) pass | (c) passes | (d) passing |
| 2. | (a) other | (b) another | (c) others | (d) the other |
| 3. | (a) remember | (b) remit | (c) remodel | (d) remind |
| 4. | (a) broach | (b) beach | (c) breach | (d) beech |
| 5. | (a) full | (b) fully | (c) fulfilled | (d) filling |
| 6. | (a) forces | (b) forceful | (c) forced | (d) force |
| 7. | (a) dates | (b) dating | (c) dated | (d) date |
| 8. | (a) normality | (b) normalize | (c) normally | (d) normal |
| 9. | (a) took | (b) made | (c) had | (d) did |
| 10. | (a) exits | (b) exiles | (c) exist | (d) exhaust |
| 11. | (a) estimate | (b) esteemed | (c) estates | (d) establish |
| 12. | (a) up | (b) placed | (c) palace | (d) place |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. sdepsa an anti-slavery resolution
2. half a ryentcu
3. ndiemr people
4. breach of human girsht
5. fulyl understand
6. nuham trafficking

Paragraph 2

7. einntca civilization
8. officially made ilgllae
9. the current ioatituns
10. an teesimat
11. Human rights piremangac
12. on today's tekarm

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () trade. Slavery in the USA was officially made illegal in 1865. The website Wikipedia describes the current
- (**1**) The 2nd of December is International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. It was on this day in 1949 that the United Nations passed
- () on this. The day serves to remind people that slavery still exists in this world today. It highlights the fact that slavery is
- () Human Rights, which says: "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude." Most slavery
- () Slavery is thousands of years old. It dates back to almost every ancient civilization. It was a part of normal
- () an estimate that there are over 28 million people in slavery today. Human rights campaigner Siddharth Kara calculated
- () situation of slavery. It says: "Although outlawed in nearly all countries, forms of slavery still exist." The site provides
- () a terrible breach of human rights. The U.N. wants people to fully understand the words of the Universal Declaration of
- () an anti-slavery resolution. This was titled the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the
- () the average price of slaves on today's market is \$340, with a high of \$1,900. Most slavery
- () today is forced labour, child labour and human trafficking.
- () international trade throughout the Roman Empire, through to Medieval times and right up to the transatlantic slave
- () Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. It was another half a century before the UN created an official day based
- () today takes place in parts of Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. anti resolution United an slavery The passed - Nations.

2. exists Remind that still people slavery.

3. rights terrible breach Slavery of is human a.

4. the Declaration words of Fully the understand Universal.

5. slavery is labour Most today forced.

6. almost It every dates ancient back civilization to.

7. trade slave transatlantic the to up Right.

8. in over people today are million slavery There 28.

9. average today's price market of slaves The on.

10. takes parts today in Africa slavery place of Most.

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 ABOLITION OF SLAVERY DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about the Abolition of Slavery 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 slavery. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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