INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated around the world on March 8 every year. It began as a campaign for better working conditions by women in New York at the turn of the 20th century. The first official IWD was on February 28, 1909. No one knows for sure why the date changed to March 8, but this is the date when thousands of women started annual marches in New York’s streets. The first international women’s conference took place in 1910, in Denmark. Since then, IWD has spread around the world. Today it is an important day to highlight the economic, political and social contributions women have made to our world. Women can now be happier that things are moving in the right direction.

IWD is an official holiday in many countries, including Algeria, China, Cuba, Italy, Poland, Vietnam, and Zambia. All across the world, men give flowers and other gifts to the women in their lives - mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, teachers, etc. In Portugal and Romania, women celebrate by having "women-only" dinners. IWD is a big event in India, where people hold celebrations throughout the day. Indian men want to show how important women are to their society. All around the world women are becoming more powerful in business, entertainment, politics and other areas. There are over a dozen nations today with women leaders. However, IWD is still necessary to highlight the inequality millions of women still face.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. a campaign for better working
2. at the turn of the
3. No one knows for sure why
4. IWD has spread around
5. contributions women have made
6. things are moving

Paragraph 2

1. IWD is an official holiday
2. men give flowers and other gifts
3. women celebrate by having
4. people hold celebrations throughout
5. women are becoming
6. highlight the inequality millions
LISTENING GAP FILL

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All around the world women are becoming more powerful in business, entertainment, politics ________________. There are over a dozen nations today with women leaders. However, IWD is still necessary to highlight the inequality millions of ________________.
WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

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IWD is an (7) ____ holiday in many countries, including Algeria, China, Cuba, Italy, Poland, Vietnam, and Zambia. All across the world, men give flowers and other gifts to the women in their (8) ____ - mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, teachers, etc. In Portugal and Romania, women celebrate by having "women-(9) ____ " dinners. IWD is a big event in India, where people hold celebrations throughout the day. Indian men want to show how important women are to their (10) ____. All around the world women are becoming more powerful in business, entertainment, politics and other areas. There are over a dozen (11) ____ today with women leaders. However, IWD is still necessary to highlight the inequality millions of women still (12) ____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) celebrate (b) celebrated (c) celebration (d) celebrates
2. (a) turn (b) turns (c) turned (d) turn off
3. (a) surely (b) surer (c) surest (d) sure
4. (a) marched (b) marchers (c) marches (d) marching
5. (a) highlights (b) highlight (c) highlighter (d) highlighting
6. (a) movement (b) moved (c) moving (d) mover
7. (a) officially (b) officialdom (c) officials (d) official
8. (a) living (b) livelihood (c) lives (d) lifestyle
9. (a) just (b) lonely (c) alone (d) only
10. (a) social (b) sociology (c) socially (d) society
11. (a) nation (b) nations (c) nationality (d) nationhood
12. (a) face (b) head (c) nose (d) cheek
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. teebrlrcade around the world
2. working niodsoticn
3. The first Ifoiicaf IWD
4. escmrha in New York’s streets
5. be reappih
6. the right cnfoetrij

Paragraph 2

7. All oacssr the world
8. men give ersofwl
9. a big neevt
10. how npimtator women are
11. more rofuplwe in business
12. IWD is still esasceynr
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. a conditions campaign It for began better as working

2. the knows date for changed sure No why one

3. started women streets York’s New in marches annual

4. Since spread then around , the IWD world has

5. in right things moving the direction are

6. official an is IWD countries many in holiday

7. and flowers give men lives their in women the to gifts other

8. powerful business are more in women becoming

9. a nations with leaders dozen today women

10. face inequality of still the millions women
DISCUSSION  (Write your own questions)
STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS  (Do not show these to student B)

1.  __________________________________________________________

2.  __________________________________________________________

3.  __________________________________________________________

4.  __________________________________________________________

5.  __________________________________________________________

6.  __________________________________________________________

DISCUSSION  (Write your own questions)
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS  (Do not show these to student A)

1.  __________________________________________________________

2.  __________________________________________________________

3.  __________________________________________________________

4.  __________________________________________________________

5.  __________________________________________________________

6.  __________________________________________________________
THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about International Women’s 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.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING

Write about International Women’s Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
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 Women’s Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about International Women’s 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 Women’s 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.