

# INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

International Museum Day has been held around the 18th of May every year since 1977. It was started by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). ICOM says: "The event provides the opportunity for museum professionals to meet the public and alert them to the challenges that museums face." It wants the public to know museums are "an institution in the service of society and of its development". ICOM encourages its member countries to celebrate the day in a way that is best for their specific cultures. It asks countries to follow its simple motto: "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and peace among peoples."

Museums are an important part of every society. They are a great source of education and wonder. The UK Museums Association says a museum is: "A permanent institution in the service of society." It says a museum "acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the...heritage of humanity". It adds that museums are for "the purposes of education, study, and enjoyment". There are museums on just about anything you can think of. There are museums for science, technology, toys, history, stamps and even museum museums. We can visit local museums that showcase a single building, or we can visit the great museums of the world that contain hundreds of thousands of priceless treasures.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. held around the 18th of May           | a. museums face         |
| 2. alert them to the challenges that     | b. of cultural exchange |
| 3. an institution in the                 | c. cultures             |
| 4. a way that is best for their specific | d. among peoples        |
| 5. Museums are an important means        | e. every year           |
| 6. co-operation and peace                | f. service of society   |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Museums are an important part   | a. single building           |
| 2. They are a great source         | b. treasures                 |
| 3. exhibits the...heritage of      | c. anything you can think of |
| 4. There are museums on just about | d. of every society          |
| 5. showcase a                      | e. humanity                  |
| 6. thousands of priceless          | f. of education and wonder   |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

International Museum Day \_\_\_\_\_ the 18th of May every year since 1977. It was started by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). ICOM says: "The event provides the opportunity for museum professionals \_\_\_\_\_ and alert them to the challenges that museums face." It wants the public to know museums are "an institution \_\_\_\_\_ society and of its development". ICOM encourages its member countries to celebrate the day \_\_\_\_\_ for their specific cultures. It asks countries to follow its simple motto: "Museums are an important \_\_\_\_\_ exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and \_\_\_\_\_."

Museums are an important \_\_\_\_\_. They are a great source of education and wonder. The UK Museums Association says a museum is: "A \_\_\_\_\_ in the service of society." It says a museum "acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the...\_\_\_\_\_". It adds that museums are for "the purposes of education, study, and enjoyment". There are museums on \_\_\_\_\_ you can think of. There are museums for science, technology, toys, history, stamps and even museum museums. We \_\_\_\_\_ that showcase a single building, or we can visit the great museums of the world that contain hundreds of thousands \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL****Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

International Museum Day has been held \_\_\_\_\_ the 18th of May every year since 1977. It was started by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). ICOM says: "The event \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity for museum professionals to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ and alert them to the challenges that museums face." It wants the public to know museums are "an institution in the service of \_\_\_\_\_ and of its development". ICOM encourages its \_\_\_\_\_ countries to celebrate the day in a way that is best for their \_\_\_\_\_ cultures. It asks countries to follow its simple motto: "Museums are an important means of cultural \_\_\_\_\_, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and peace \_\_\_\_\_ peoples."

*public*  
*exchange*  
*society*  
*around*  
*among*  
*provides*  
*specific*  
*member*

Museums are an important \_\_\_\_\_ of every society. They are a great source of education and \_\_\_\_\_. The UK Museums Association says a museum is: "A permanent institution in the service of society." It says a museum "acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and \_\_\_\_\_ the...heritage of humanity". It adds that museums are for "the \_\_\_\_\_ of education, study, and enjoyment". There are museums on just about anything you can \_\_\_\_\_ of. There are museums for science, technology, toys, history, stamps and even \_\_\_\_\_ museums. We can visit local museums that showcase a single building, or we can visit the \_\_\_\_\_ museums of the world that contain hundreds of thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ treasures.

*wonder*  
*museum*  
*purposes*  
*great*  
*part*  
*priceless*  
*exhibits*  
*think*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

International Museum Day has been *holding / held* around the 18th of May every year since 1977. It was *starting / started* by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). ICOM says: "The event provides the opportunity for museum professionals to *meeting / meet* the public and alert them to the challenges that museums *head / face*." It wants the public to know museums are "an institution in the service of *society / social* and of its development". ICOM encourages its member countries to celebrate the day in a *ways / way* that is best for their specific cultures. It asks countries to follow its simple motto: "Museums are an important *means / mean* of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and *piece / peace* among peoples."

Museums are an important *parts / part* of every society. They are a great source of education and *wonder / wander*. The UK Museums Association says a museum is: "A permanent institution in the service of society." It says a museum "acquires, *conserve / conserves*, researches, communicates and *exhibition / exhibits* the...heritage of humanity". It adds that museums are for "the purposes of education, study, and *enjoy / enjoyment*". There are museums on just about anything you can think *for / of*. There are museums for science, technology, toys, history, stamps and even museum museums. We can visit *locally / local* museums that showcase a single building, or we can visit the great museums of the world that contain hundreds of thousands of *priceless / price* treasures.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

International Museum Day has been held around the 18th of May every year (1) \_\_\_\_ 1977. It was started by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). ICOM says: "The event (2) \_\_\_\_ the opportunity for museum professionals to meet the public and alert them to the (3) \_\_\_\_ that museums face." It wants the public to know museums are "an institution in the service of (4) \_\_\_\_ and of its development". ICOM encourages its member countries to celebrate the day in a way that is best for their specific cultures. It asks countries to follow its simple motto: "Museums are an important (5) \_\_\_\_ of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and (6) \_\_\_\_ among peoples."

Museums are an important part of every society. They are a great (7) \_\_\_\_ of education and (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The UK Museums Association says a museum is: "A permanent institution in the service of society." It says a museum "acquires, (9) \_\_\_\_\_, researches, communicates and exhibits the...heritage of humanity". It adds that museums are for "the purposes of education, study, and enjoyment". There are museums on just about anything you can (10) \_\_\_\_ of. There are museums for science, technology, toys, history, stamps and even museum museums. We can visit (11) \_\_\_\_ museums that showcase a single building, or we can visit the great museums of the world that contain hundreds of thousands of (12) \_\_\_\_ treasures.

### Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                  |                |                |                 |
|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) sincere      | (b) sincerely  | (c) since      | (d) sincerest   |
| 2.  | (a) provision    | (b) provides   | (c) provider   | (d) providing   |
| 3.  | (a) challenges   | (b) challenger | (c) challenged | (d) challenging |
| 4.  | (a) social       | (b) societies  | (c) socially   | (d) society     |
| 5.  | (a) meaning      | (b) means      | (c) meant      | (d) meanie      |
| 6.  | (a) piece        | (b) peaceful   | (c) peace      | (d) pieced      |
| 7.  | (a) sauce        | (b) source     | (c) sourced    | (d) sauces      |
| 8.  | (a) wonderful    | (b) wondered   | (c) wonders    | (d) wonder      |
| 9.  | (a) conservation | (b) conserved  | (c) conserves  | (d) conserve    |
| 10. | (a) think        | (b) thought    | (c) thinking   | (d) thinks      |
| 11. | (a) locally      | (b) locals     | (c) locale     | (d) local       |
| 12. | (a) priceless    | (b) pricy      | (c) priced     | (d) prices      |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. held naroud the 18th of May every year since 1977
2. ahleclnseg that museums face
3. in the service of oicytse
4. best for their pefcsici cultures
5. means of ctullura exchange
6. peace gmnoa peoples

### Paragraph 2

7. a great source of education and nrodwe
8. heritage of mhytunai
9. rsseppou of education
10. museums on just about ahytgnin you can think of
11. hoswcesa a single building
12. scripsele treasures



## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) professionals to meet the public and alert them to the challenges that museums face." It wants the public to know museums
- ( ) wonder. The UK Museums Association says a museum is: "A permanent institution in the service of society." It says
- ( ) stamps and even museum museums. We can visit local museums that showcase a single building, or we can
- ( ) and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and peace among peoples."
- ( ) humanity". It adds that museums are for "the purposes of education, study, and enjoyment". There are museums
- ( ) visit the great museums of the world that contain hundreds of thousands of priceless treasures.
- ( **1** ) International Museum Day has been held around the 18th of May every year since 1977. It was started
- ( ) motto: "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures
- ( ) by the International Council of Museums (ICOM). ICOM says: "The event provides the opportunity for museum
- ( ) countries to celebrate the day in a way that is best for their specific cultures. It asks countries to follow its simple
- ( ) a museum "acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the...heritage of
- ( ) on just about anything you can think of. There are museums for science, technology, toys, history,
- ( ) Museums are an important part of every society. They are a great source of education and
- ( ) are "an institution in the service of society and of its development". ICOM encourages its member

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. face that the museums challenges

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2. service society institution the of an in

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3. their that specific is cultures best a for way

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4. Museums exchange cultural of means important an are

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5. peace peoples and among co-operation

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6. important an are Museums society every of part

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7. of and a source education wonder great

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8. service the in institution permanent A society of

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9. about There museums just anything are on

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10. treasures priceless of thousands of hundreds

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**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 MUSEUM DAY SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about International Museum 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 Museum 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.