

NEWSPAPER CARRIER DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Newspaper Carrier Day is an important day to celebrate one of society's forgotten workers – the newspaper carrier. Every day, thousands of newspaper girls and boys get up early and carry heavy bags of newspapers around the streets. They deliver our newspapers before we wake up and few people stop to think about their efforts. In the United States, it honors the first newspaper boy, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty. He started work for the New York Sun newspaper on September 4, 1833. He was the pioneer for all the boys and girls who followed him. Today, many young people top up their pocket money by delivering newspapers. They may be a dying breed because the Internet is causing a drop in newspaper sales.

Perhaps millions of people have been a newspaper deliverer. It used to be a part-time job for kids aged between 13 and 16. The requirement for Barney Flaherty was simple. He had to show that he could throw a newspaper across someone's garden to reach the front door. This is a typical scene in the movies showing American suburban life. Times are changing and many adults now deliver newspaper from their cars. It has become too unsafe in many cities for children to be on the streets alone before 6.00 a.m. The money to be earned is also changing. In Britain, it is possible to earn around \$25 an hour for delivering newspapers. The next time you wake up to see your newspaper on the doorstep, spare a thought for the person who delivered it.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. one of society's forgotten | a. pioneer |
| 2. carry heavy bags | b. newspaper sales |
| 3. few people stop to think | c. pocket money |
| 4. He was the | d. workers |
| 5. young people top up their | e. of newspapers |
| 6. a drop in | f. about their efforts |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. millions of people have been | a. in the movies |
| 2. It used to be a part- | b. a newspaper deliverer |
| 3. This is a typical scene | c. \$25 an hour |
| 4. Times are | d. a thought |
| 5. earn around | e. changing |
| 6. spare | f. time job for kids |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Newspaper Carrier Day is an important day to _____ society's forgotten workers – the newspaper carrier. Every day, thousands of newspaper girls and boys _____ carry heavy bags of newspapers around the streets. They deliver our newspapers before we wake up and few people _____ their efforts. In the United States, it honors the first newspaper boy, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty. He started work for the New York Sun newspaper on September 4, 1833. He was the _____ boys and girls who followed him. Today, many young people top up their pocket money by delivering newspapers. They may be a dying breed because the Internet _____ newspaper sales.

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Newspaper Carrier Day is an important day to _____ one of society's forgotten workers – the newspaper carrier. Every day, thousands of newspaper girls and boys _____ up early and carry heavy bags of newspapers around the streets. They _____ our newspapers before we wake up and few people stop to think about their _____. In the United States, it honors the first newspaper boy, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty. He started work for the New York Sun newspaper on September 4, 1833. He was the _____ for all the boys and girls who followed him. Today, many young people top up their _____ money by delivering newspapers. They may be a dying _____ because the Internet is causing a _____ in newspaper sales.

deliver
breed
pioneer
celebrate
drop
efforts
get
pocket

Perhaps _____ of people have been a newspaper deliverer. It used to be a part-time job for kids aged between 13 and 16. The requirement for Barney Flaherty was _____. He had to show that he could throw a newspaper across someone's garden to _____ the front door. This is a _____ scene in the movies showing American suburban life. Times are changing and many adults now deliver newspaper from their cars. It has become too _____ in many cities for children to be on the streets alone before 6.00 a.m. The money to be _____ is also changing. In Britain, it is _____ to earn around \$25 an hour for delivering newspapers. The next time you wake up to see your newspaper on the doorstep, spare a _____ for the person who delivered it.

simple
earned
typical
thought
millions
possible
reach
unsafe

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Newspaper Carrier Day is an important day to *celebration* / *celebrate* one of society's *forgotten* / *forget* workers – the newspaper carrier. Every day, thousands of newspaper girls and boys get *down* / *up* early and carry heavy bags of newspapers around the streets. They *deliver* / *delivery* our newspapers before we wake up and few people stop to think about their *effortless* / *efforts*. In the United States, it honors the first newspaper boy, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty. He *started* / *starts* work for the New York Sun newspaper on September 4, 1833. He was the pioneer for all the boys and girls who followed him. Today, many young people *stop* / *top* up their pocket money by delivering newspapers. They may be a dying breed because the Internet is causing a *drop* / *dropping* in newspaper sales.

Perhaps millions of people have been a newspaper *delivery* / *deliverer*. It used to be a part-time job for kids *ages* / *aged* between 13 and 16. The requirement for Barney Flaherty was simple. He had to show that he could throw a newspaper across someone's garden *for* / *to* reach the front door. This is a *typical* / *typically* scene in the movies showing American suburban life. Times are changing and many adults now deliver newspaper from their cars. It has become too *safety* / *unsafe* in many cities for children to be on the streets *alone* / *lonely* before 6.00 a.m. The money to be earned is also changing. In Britain, it is possible to *earn* / *earnings* around \$25 an hour for delivering newspapers. The next time you wake up to see your newspaper on the doorstep, spare a *think* / *thought* for the person who delivered it.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Newspaper Carrier Day is an important day to (1) ____ one of society's forgotten workers – the newspaper carrier. Every day, thousands of newspaper girls and boys get (2) ____ early and carry heavy bags of newspapers around the streets. They deliver our newspapers before we wake up and few people (3) ____ to think about their efforts. In the United States, it honors the first newspaper boy, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty. He started work for the New York Sun newspaper on September 4, 1833. He was the (4) ____ for all the boys and girls who followed him. Today, many young people top up their (5) ____ money by delivering newspapers. They may be a dying (6) ____ because the Internet is causing a drop in newspaper sales.

Perhaps millions of people have been a newspaper deliverer. It used to be a part-time job for (7) ____ aged between 13 and 16. The requirement for Barney Flaherty was simple. He had to show that he could throw a newspaper across someone's garden (8) ____ reach the front door. This is a (9) ____ scene in the movies showing American suburban life. Times are changing and many adults now deliver newspaper from their cars. It has become too unsafe in many cities for children to be (10) ____ the streets alone before 6.00 a.m. The money to (11) ____ earned is also changing. In Britain, it is possible to earn around \$25 an hour for delivering newspapers. The next time you wake up to see your newspaper on the doorstep, spare a (12) ____ for the person who delivered it.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) celebrates | (b) celebrate | (c) celebratory | (d) celebration |
| 2. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) on | (d) down |
| 3. | (a) stopping | (b) stops | (c) stop | (d) stopped |
| 4. | (a) pioneer | (b) pioneered | (c) pioneering | (d) pioneers |
| 5. | (a) pocket | (b) sleeve | (c) collar | (d) cuffs |
| 6. | (a) bred | (b) breeding | (c) breeds | (d) breed |
| 7. | (a) kids' | (b) kid's | (c) kid | (d) kids |
| 8. | (a) for | (b) to | (c) at | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) typically | (b) typical | (c) type | (d) typed |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) over | (c) on | (d) to |
| 11. | (a) get | (b) have | (c) take | (d) be |
| 12. | (a) thinking | (b) thinks | (c) thought | (d) thoughts |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. an important day to rbtaeeelc
2. soaudhtsn of newspaper girls
3. They eredvil our newspapers
4. He was the reeniop
5. okcetp money
6. icnusag a drop in newspaper sales

Paragraph 2

7. inliloms of people
8. a atrp-empti job for kids
9. a tpliyac scene in the movies
10. too safenu in many cities
11. nrea around \$25 an hour
12. rsepa a thought

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () unsafe in many cities for children to be on the streets alone before 6.00 a.m. The money to be earned is also
- () breed because the Internet is causing a drop in newspaper sales.
- () life. Times are changing and many adults now deliver newspaper from their cars. It has become too
- () up their pocket money by delivering newspapers. They may be a dying
- () Perhaps millions of people have been a newspaper deliverer. It used to be a part-time job for kids aged
- (**1**) Newspaper Carrier Day is an important day to celebrate one of society's forgotten workers – the newspaper
- () carrier. Every day, thousands of newspaper girls and boys get up early and carry heavy bags of newspapers around the
- () it honors the first newspaper boy, 10-year-old Barney Flaherty. He started work for the New York Sun newspaper on
- () streets. They deliver our newspapers before we wake up and few people stop to think about their efforts. In the United States,
- () September 4, 1833. He was the pioneer for all the boys and girls who followed him. Today, many young people top
- () up to see your newspaper on the doorstep, spare a thought for the person who delivered it.
- () between 13 and 16. The requirement for Barney Flaherty was simple. He had to show that he could throw a newspaper
- () across someone's garden to reach the front door. This is a typical scene in the movies showing American suburban
- () changing. In Britain, it is possible to earn around \$25 an hour for delivering newspapers. The next time you wake

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. workers Celebrate of forgotten one society's.

2. carry of Get and bags early heavy newspapers up.

3. their stop efforts to think Few about people.

4. boys the all for pioneer The him followed who girls and.

5. is drop sales Internet a newspaper The causing in.

6. kids for job time - part a be to used It.

7. garden Throw newspaper someone's a across.

8. cities too unsafe It in has many become.

9. an hour It is possible to earn around \$25.

10. Spare for who thought person it a the delivered.

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 NEWSPAPER CARRIER DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Newspaper Carrier 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 Newspaper Carrier 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.