

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Make A Difference Day happens in the USA and UK towards the end of October. It's such a good idea that it should take place in every country around the world. In fact, it should be every day, not just one day a year. So what is it? As the name suggests, it is one day of the year when you must do something to make a difference in people's lives. It was created by the USA Weekend magazine. The original idea was to "celebrate neighbors helping neighbors". Millions of people volunteer their time and efforts for community projects. You can choose your own project or visit the Make A Difference Day website for ideas. If you register your idea, you could win a special award.

Make A Difference Day is the UK's biggest day of volunteering. The British website says it wants to "create a wave of kindness throughout the UK – to bring people together...and help build stronger, happier and safer communities for us all to live in". There are "Act of Random Kindness" kits available through the site. These are full of ideas on how you can be kind to total strangers or help the environment. Teachers can also play their part on this day. The US and UK websites have lesson plans to get students into making a difference. There is so much we can do to help others. Making a difference also helps those who make the effort. You feel good about yourself and want to do more next time.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. towards the end   | a. neighbors        |
| 2. not just one      | b. your own project |
| 3. neighbors helping | c. day a year       |
| 4. people volunteer  | d. award            |
| 5. You can choose    | e. of October       |
| 6. win a special     | f. their time       |

### Paragraph 2

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. create a wave          | a. communities    |
| 2. bring people           | b. about yourself |
| 3. happier and safer      | c. their part     |
| 4. These are full of      | d. together       |
| 5. Teachers can also play | e. of kindness    |
| 6. You feel good          | f. ideas          |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

Make A Difference Day happens in the USA and UK \_\_\_\_\_  
 October. It's such a good idea that it \_\_\_\_\_ in every  
 country around the world. In fact, it should be every day, not just one  
 day a year. So what is it? \_\_\_\_\_, it is one day of the  
 year when you must do something to make a difference in people's  
 lives. It was created by the USA Weekend magazine. The  
 \_\_\_\_\_ "celebrate neighbors helping neighbors".  
 Millions of people volunteer their \_\_\_\_\_ for community  
 projects. You can choose your own project or visit the Make A  
 Difference Day website for ideas. If you \_\_\_\_\_, you could  
 win a special award.

Make A Difference Day is the UK's \_\_\_\_\_ volunteering.  
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 throughout the UK – to bring people together...and \_\_\_\_\_,  
 happier and safer communities \_\_\_\_\_ in". There are "Act  
 of Random Kindness" kits available through the site. These are full of  
 ideas \_\_\_\_\_ kind to total strangers or help the  
 environment. Teachers can also \_\_\_\_\_ on this day. The  
 US and UK websites have lesson plans to get students into making a  
 difference. There is so much we can do to help others. Making a  
 difference also helps those who \_\_\_\_\_. You feel good  
 about yourself and want to do more next time.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

Make A Difference Day happens in the USA and UK \_\_\_\_\_ the end of October. It's such a good \_\_\_\_\_ that it should take place in every country around the world. In fact, it should be every day, not just one day a year. So what is it? As the name \_\_\_\_\_, it is one day of the year when you must do something to make a difference in people's \_\_\_\_\_. It was created by the USA Weekend magazine. The \_\_\_\_\_ idea was to "celebrate neighbors helping neighbors". Millions of people \_\_\_\_\_ their time and efforts for community projects. You can \_\_\_\_\_ your own project or visit the Make A Difference Day website for ideas. If you register your idea, you could win a \_\_\_\_\_ award.

*lives*  
*idea*  
*original*  
*choose*  
*towards*  
*special*  
*suggests*  
*volunteer*

Make A Difference Day is the UK's \_\_\_\_\_ day of volunteering. The British website says it wants to "create a \_\_\_\_\_ of kindness throughout the UK - to bring people together...and help build stronger, happier and \_\_\_\_\_ communities for us all to live in". There are "Act of Random Kindness" \_\_\_\_\_ available through the site. These are full of ideas on how you can be kind to total strangers or help the environment. Teachers can also \_\_\_\_\_ their part on this day. The US and UK websites have lesson \_\_\_\_\_ to get students into making a difference. There is so much we can do to help others. Making a difference also helps those who make the \_\_\_\_\_. You feel good about \_\_\_\_\_ and want to do more next time.

*play*  
*wave*  
*effort*  
*safer*  
*yourself*  
*biggest*  
*plans*  
*kits*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Make A Difference Day happens in the USA and UK towards the *ends / end* of October. It's such a good idea that it should *take / make* place in every country around the world. In fact, it should be every day, not just one day a year. So what is it? As the name *suggestion / suggests*, it is one day of the year when you must do something to make a *difference / different* in people's lives. It was created by the USA Weekend magazine. The *original / origin* idea was to "celebrate neighbors helping neighbors". Millions of people *voluntary / volunteer* their time and efforts for community projects. You can *choose / choice* your own project or visit the Make A Difference Day website for ideas. If you register your idea, you could win a special *award / reward*.

Make A Difference Day is the UK's biggest day of volunteering. The British website says it wants to "create a *wave / waive* of kindness throughout the UK – to bring people together...and help build stronger, happier and *safely / safer* communities for us all to live in". There are "Act of Random Kindness" kits available *though / through* the site. These are full of ideas on how you can be kind to *total / totally* strangers or help the environment. Teachers can also play their part on this *daily / day*. The US and UK websites have lesson plans to get students into making a *difference / different*. There is so much we can do to help others. Making a difference also helps those who make the *effort / effortless*. You feel good about *yours / yourself* and want to do more next time.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

Make A Difference Day happens in the USA and UK towards the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of October. It's such a good idea that it should (2) \_\_\_\_\_ place in every country around the world. In fact, it should be every day, not just one day a year. So what is it? As the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ suggests, it is one day of the year when you must do something to make a difference in people's lives. It was created by the USA Weekend magazine. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ idea was to "celebrate neighbors helping neighbors". Millions of people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ their time and efforts for community projects. You can choose your own project or visit the Make A Difference Day website for ideas. If you (6) \_\_\_\_\_ your idea, you could win a special award.

Make A Difference Day is the UK's biggest day of volunteering. The British website says it wants to "create a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of kindness throughout the UK – to bring people together...and help build stronger, happier and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ communities for us all to live in". There are "Act of Random Kindness" kits available through the site. These are full of ideas on how you can be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to total strangers or help the environment. Teachers can also play their part on this day. The US and UK websites have lesson plans to get students (10) \_\_\_\_\_ making a difference. There is so much we can do to help (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Making a difference also helps those who make the effort. You feel good about (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and want to do more next time.

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

- |     |                 |                |                  |                 |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) endings     | (b) ended      | (c) end          | (d) ending      |
| 2.  | (a) take        | (b) make       | (c) fake         | (d) bake        |
| 3.  | (a) naming      | (b) name       | (c) named        | (d) names       |
| 4.  | (a) origin      | (b) origins    | (c) originally   | (d) original    |
| 5.  | (a) volunteer   | (b) voluntary  | (c) volunteers   | (d) volunteered |
| 6.  | (a) registering | (b) registered | (c) registration | (d) register    |
| 7.  | (a) surf        | (b) crest      | (c) wave         | (d) tidal       |
| 8.  | (a) save        | (b) safest     | (c) safely       | (d) safety      |
| 9.  | (a) kindly      | (b) kind       | (c) kindness     | (d) in kind     |
| 10. | (a) onto        | (b) up to      | (c) to           | (d) into        |
| 11. | (a) other       | (b) others     | (c) another      | (d) the other   |
| 12. | (a) you         | (b) yours      | (c) yourself     | (d) your        |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. otarwds the end of October
2. take aepcl in every country
3. The nolirgai idea
4. people tuoelnvre their time
5. choose your own oectjpr
6. win a special rdaaw

### Paragraph 2

7. the UK's bsgtieg day
8. create a wave of snnedksi
9. iaerpph and safer communities
10. full of saedi
11. lesson lsapn
12. feel good about oyefrusl

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) neighbors". Millions of people volunteer their time and efforts for community
- ( ) ideas. If you register your idea, you could win a special award.
- ( ) we can do to help others. Making a difference also helps those who make the
- ( ) place in every country around the world. In fact, it should be every day, not just one day a year. So what is it? As the name
- ( ) effort. You feel good about yourself and want to do more next time.
- ( ) all to live in". There are "Act of Random Kindness" kits available through the site. These are full of ideas on
- ( ) how you can be kind to total strangers or help the environment. Teachers can also play their
- ( ) Make A Difference Day is the UK's biggest day of volunteering. The British website says it wants to "create a wave
- ( ) of kindness throughout the UK – to bring people together...and help build stronger, happier and safer communities for us
- ( **1** ) Make A Difference Day happens in the USA and UK towards the end of October. It's such a good idea that it should take
- ( ) lives. It was created by the USA Weekend magazine. The original idea was to "celebrate neighbors helping
- ( ) suggests, it is one day of the year when you must do something to make a difference in people's
- ( ) part on this day. The US and UK websites have lesson plans to get students into making a difference. There is so much
- ( ) projects. You can choose your own project or visit the Make A Difference Day website for

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. the the October in towards of Happens USA end.

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2. take should It country every in place.

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3. to a something make difference Do.

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4. neighbors celebrate to was idea original The.

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5. own can your project You choose.

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6. biggest UK's volunteering The of day .

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7. kindness Create throughout a the wave UK of.

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8. us all Safer to communities live for in.

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9. kind of how be Full on can ideas you.

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10. good about yourself and want to do more You feel.

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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 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Make A Difference 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Make A Difference Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Make A Difference 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 Make A Difference 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.