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UNITED NATIONS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The 24th of October is United Nations Day. It was on this day in 1945 that the U.N. was created. The day became a holiday in 1971. The U.N. General Assembly decided there needed to be a day to make the work of the U.N. better known around the world. It stated this day "shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for its work". Furthermore, the General Assembly suggested that United Nations Day "shall be an international holiday" and recommended that it should become a public holiday in all United Nations member states. The day is now part of United Nations Week, which runs from 20 to 26 October.

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PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1.	make the work of the U.N.		a.	their support
2	aims		b.	states
3.	gaining		c.	holiday
4.	a public		d.	20 to 26 October
5.	member		e.	and achievements
6.	runs from		f.	better known

Paragraph 2

1.	a summary of the organization's		a.	and security
2	founded after		b.	a better place
3.	international peace		c.	history
4.	better living		d.	of the globe
5.	reaches every corner		e.	the Second World War
6.	make the world		f.	standards

LISTENING GAP FILL

The 24th of October is United Nations Day. It _____ 1945 that the U.N. was created. The day became a holiday in 1971. The U.N. General Assembly decided _____ a day to make the work of the U.N. better known around the world. It stated this day "shall be _____ known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their _____ work". Furthermore, the General Assembly suggested that United Nations Day "shall be an international holiday" and recommended _____ become a public holiday in all United Nations member states. The _____ United Nations Week, which runs from 20 to 26 October.

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

The 24th of October is United Nations Day. It was on this _____ in 1945 that the U.N. was created. The day became a holiday in 1971. The U.N. General Assembly _____ there needed to be a day to make the work of the U.N. better known around the world. It stated this day "shall be _____ to making known to the peoples of the world the _____ and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their _____ for its work". Furthermore, the General Assembly _____ that United Nations Day "shall be an international holiday" and recommended that it should become a public holiday in all United Nations _____ states. The day is now part of United Nations Week, which _____ from 20 to 26 October.

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standards

corner

founded

functions

summary

clearing

security

known

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

The 24th of October is United Nations Day. It was *on / in* this day in 1945 that the U.N. was created. The day became a holiday in 1971. The U.N. General Assembly *decided / deciding* there needed to be a day to make the work of the U.N. better known around the world. It stated this day "shall be devoted to *make / making* known to the peoples of the world the aims and *achieves / achievements* of the United Nations and to gaining their support for its work". Furthermore, the General Assembly *suggested / suggestion* that United Nations Day "shall be an international holiday" and recommended that it should become a public holiday in *whole / all* United Nations member states. The day is now *part / party* of United Nations Week, which *walks / runs* from 20 to 26 October.

The www.un.org website *provides / providing* a summary of the organization's history. It is an international organization *finds / founded* after the Second World War by 51 countries. It was then, and is now, "committed to maintaining international *piece / peace* and security, developing friendly relations among *nationality / nations* and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights". The site says: "The work *of / for* the United Nations reaches every corner of the globe." The U.N. is best known for peacekeeping, conflict prevention and humanitarian *assistant / assistance*, but it has many other functions that "*affect / effect* our lives and make the world a better place". These include environment protection, *clearing / clearance* landmines, child protection and much, much, much more.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The 24th of October is United Nations Day. It was on this day in 1945 (1) _____ the U.N. was created. The day became a holiday in 1971. The U.N. General Assembly decided there (2) _____ to be a day to make the work of the U.N. better known around the world. It stated this day "shall be devoted to making (3) _____ to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to (4) _____ their support for its work". Furthermore, the General Assembly suggested that United Nations Day "shall be an international holiday" and recommended that it should become a public holiday in (5) _____ United Nations member states. The day is now part of United Nations Week, which (6) _____ from 20 to 26 October.

The www.un.org website (7) _____ a summary of the organization's history. It is an international organization founded after the Second World War by 51 countries. It was (8) _____, and is now, "committed to maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly (9) _____ among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights". The site says: "The work of the United Nations reaches every (10) _____ of the globe." The U.N. is best known for peacekeeping, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance, but it has (11) _____ other functions that "affect our lives and make the world a better place". These include environment protection, (12) _____ landmines, child protection and much, much, much more.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1.	(a)	where	(b)	that	(c)	which	(d)	whom
2.	(a)	needed	(b)	needs	(c)	necessary	(d)	needy
3.	(a)	knowing	(b)	knew	(c)	known	(d)	knows
4.	(a)	gains	(b)	gainers	(c)	gained	(d)	gaining
5.	(a)	whole	(b)	entire	(c)	every	(d)	all
6.	(a)	paces	(b)	walks	(c)	runs	(d)	hops
7.	(a)	provides	(b)	provide	(c)	providing	(d)	provision
8.	(a)	that	(b)	then	(c)	thus	(d)	this
9.	(a)	relatives	(b)	relation	(c)	relative	(d)	relations
10.	(a)	corner	(b)	angle	(c)	line	(d)	triangle
11.	(a)	more	(b)	many	(c)	most	(d)	much
12.	(a)	clearance	(b)	cleared	(c)	clearing	(d)	clears

SPELLING

Spell the <u>jumbled</u> words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1.   the U.N. was <u>deaectr</u>

2.   better <u>nwonk</u>

3.   gaining their <u>ruptpso</u>

4.   a <u>cilpbu</u> holiday

5.   <u>bremme</u> states

6.   … <u>usnr</u> from 20 to 26 October

Paragraph 2

7.   provides a <u>ymrmasu</u>

8.   <u>fednduo</u> after the Second World War

9.   peace and <u>cisreuty</u>

10.   human <u>rgthis</u>

11.   <u>nccoitfl</u> prevention

12.   <u>hdlic</u> protection

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) holiday in 1971. The U.N. General Assembly decided there needed to be a day to make the work of the U.N. better

( ) The www.un.org website provides a summary of the organization's history. It is an international

( ) corner of the globe." The U.N. is best known for peacekeeping, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance, but it has

( ) known around the world. It stated this day "shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of

( ) the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their

( ) maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations and promoting social

( ) place". These include environment protection, clearing landmines, child protection and much, much, much more.

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( ) support for its work". Furthermore, the General Assembly suggested that United Nations Day "shall be an international

( ) many other functions that "affect our lives and make the world a better

( ) states. The day is now part of United Nations Week, which runs from 20 to 26 October.

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( ) progress, better living standards and human rights". The site says: "The work of the United Nations reaches every

( ) holiday" and recommended that it should become a public holiday in all United Nations member

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. . this was the 1945 was day UN on It that created in.

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2. to UN make . the better work known of the A day.

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3. the aims United and Nations achievements of The.

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4. it holiday should become Recommended a that public.

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5. Week day part Nations The now United is of.

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6. history A of organization's summary the.

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7. international maintaining to Committed peace.

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8. globe United every the The reaches of Nations corner.

   _____

9. Many lives our affect that functions other.

   _____

10. Make world better the a place.

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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. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

THE UNITED NATIONS DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about United Nations 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.

WRITING

Write about United Nations Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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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 United Nations Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about United Nations 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 United Nations 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.