

WORLD POST DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Post Day happens each year on the 9th of October. This date is the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU was the start of the global communications revolution; people could write to others all over the world. World Post Day started in 1969 at the UPU Congress in Tokyo. Since then, countries all over the world take part in celebrations to highlight the importance of our postal services. Many things happen on this day. Post offices in some countries hold special stamp collection exhibitions; there are open days at postal museums and there are workshops on postal history. The UPU organizes an international letter-writing competition for young people.

Postal systems have been in operation for many centuries. From way back in history, people sent letters to each other. These were delivered on foot or on horseback by special messengers. From the 1600s, the first national postage systems began springing up in many countries. These were more organized and many people could use them. Slowly, countries agreed to exchange mail internationally. By the late 1800s, there was a global postal service, but it was slow and complicated. The birth of the UPU in 1874 opened the way for the super-efficient postal service we have today. In 1948, the UPU became an agency of the United Nations. It is now monitoring our systems of digital communication.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. anniversary of the | a. celebrations |
| 2. the global communications | b. competition |
| 3. take part in | c. at postal museums |
| 4. stamp | d. Universal Postal Union |
| 5. there are open days | e. collection |
| 6. letter-writing | f. revolution |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. From way back | a. on foot |
| 2. delivered | b. efficient postal service |
| 3. postage systems began | c. in history |
| 4. By the late | d. springing up |
| 5. the super- | e. communication |
| 6. digital | f. 1800s |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Post Day _____ the 9th of October. This date is the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU _____ the global communications revolution; people could write to others all over the world. World Post Day _____ the UPU Congress in Tokyo. Since then, countries all over the _____ celebrations to highlight the importance of our postal services. Many things happen on this day. Post offices in some countries hold _____ exhibitions; _____ at postal museums and there are workshops on postal history. The UPU organizes an international letter-writing competition for young people.

Postal systems have _____ many centuries. From way back in history, people sent letters to each other. These were _____ horseback by special messengers. From the 1600s, the first national postage systems began _____ countries. These were more organized and many people could use them. Slowly, countries _____ mail internationally. By the late 1800s, there was a global postal service, but it was slow and complicated. The birth of the UPU in 1874 _____ the super-efficient postal service we have today. In 1948, the UPU became an agency of the United Nations. It is now monitoring our _____ communication.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Post Day happens _____ year on the 9th of October. This date is the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU was the start of the _____ communications revolution; people could write to _____ all over the world. World Post Day started in 1969 at the UPU Congress in Tokyo. Since then, countries all over the world take _____ in celebrations to _____ the importance of our postal services. Many things happen on this day. Post offices in some countries hold special stamp _____ exhibitions; there are open days at postal museums and there are workshops on postal _____. The UPU _____ an international letter-writing competition for young people.

others
collection
global
highlight
organizes
each
history
part

Postal systems have been in _____ for many centuries. From way back in _____, people sent letters to each other. These were _____ on foot or on horseback by special messengers. From the 1600s, the first national postage systems began _____ up in many countries. These were more organized and many people could use them. Slowly, countries agreed to _____ mail internationally. By the late 1800s, there was a global postal service, but it was slow and _____. The birth of the UPU in 1874 opened the way for the super-efficient postal service we have today. In 1948, the UPU became an _____ of the United Nations. It is now monitoring our systems of _____ communication.

complicated
delivered
operation
agency
digital
history
springing
exchange

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

World Post Day happens *each / all* year on the 9th of October. This date is the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU was the *start / starting* of the global communications revolution; people could write to others all over the world. World Post Day started in 1969 at the UPU Congress in Tokyo. Since then, countries all over the world *make / take* part in celebrations to highlight the importance of our *posting / postal* services. Many things happen on this day. Post offices in some countries hold special *stamp / stamped* collection exhibitions; there are *open / closed* days at postal museums and there are workshops on postal history. The UPU *organizes / organization* an international letter-writing competition *for / to* young people.

Postal systems have been in *operating / operation* for many centuries. From way back in *historical / history*, people sent letters to each other. These were delivered on foot or on horseback *on / by* special messengers. From the 1600s, the first national postage systems began springing *down / up* in many countries. These were more organized and many people could use them. Slowly, countries agreed to *change / exchange* mail internationally. By the late 1800s, there was a global postal service, but it was slow and complicated. The *birth / born* of the UPU in 1874 opened the way for the super-efficient postal service we have *today / yesterday*. In 1948, the UPU became an agency of the United Nations. It is now *monitoring / monitors* our systems of digital communication.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Post Day (1) _____ each year on the 9th of October. This date is the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU was the (2) _____ of the global communications revolution; people could write to others all over the world. World Post Day started in 1969 at the UPU Congress in Tokyo. Since then, countries all over the world (3) _____ part in celebrations to highlight the (4) _____ of our postal services. Many things happen on this day. Post offices in some countries hold special stamp (5) _____ exhibitions; there are (6) _____ days at postal museums and there are workshops on postal history. The UPU organizes an international letter-writing competition for young people.

Postal systems have been in (7) _____ for many centuries. From way back in history, people sent letters to each other. These were delivered on foot or on horseback by special (8) _____. From the 1600s, the first national postage systems began springing (9) _____ in many countries. These were more organized and many people could use them. Slowly, countries agreed to exchange mail internationally. By the (10) _____ 1800s, there was a global postal service, but it was slow and complicated. The (11) _____ of the UPU in 1874 opened the way for the super-efficient postal service we have today. In 1948, the UPU became an agency of the United Nations. It is now monitoring our (12) _____ of digital communication.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) happens | (b) happened | (c) happening | (d) happen |
| 2. | (a) starting | (b) starts | (c) start | (d) start up |
| 3. | (a) make | (b) wake | (c) take | (d) fake |
| 4. | (a) import | (b) important | (c) importantly | (d) importance |
| 5. | (a) collection | (b) collectables | (c) collecting | (d) collects |
| 6. | (a) closed | (b) open | (c) opening | (d) closure |
| 7. | (a) operating | (b) operate | (c) operation | (d) operator |
| 8. | (a) messages | (b) messengers | (c) messaged | (d) message |
| 9. | (a) down | (b) on | (c) in | (d) up |
| 10. | (a) late | (b) tardy | (c) unpunctual | (d) untimely |
| 11. | (a) born | (b) birthday | (c) births | (d) birth |
| 12. | (a) systemic | (b) systems | (c) systematic | (d) systemize |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. ahnepsp each year
2. blaglo communications
3. postal rissceve
4. stamp oltiolnecc
5. workshops on postal sioty rh
6. young oeplep

Paragraph 2

7. for many csertnieu
8. special smsgeneers
9. nceehxag mail
10. super-ifitefcne
11. an geacyn of the United Nations
12. iagtlid communication

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 1600s, the first national postage systems began springing up in many countries. These were more organized and many
- () people could use them. Slowly, countries agreed to exchange mail internationally. By the late 1800s, there was a
- () museums and there are workshops on postal history. The UPU organizes an international letter-
- () way for the super-efficient postal service we have today. In 1948, the UPU became an agency of
- () global postal service, but it was slow and complicated. The birth of the UPU in 1874 opened the
- () this day. Post offices in some countries hold special stamp collection exhibitions; there are open days at postal
- () Postal systems have been in operation for many centuries. From way back in
- () others all over the world. World Post Day started in 1969 at the UPU Congress in Tokyo. Since then, countries all over the
- () the United Nations. It is now monitoring our systems of digital communication.
- () writing competition for young people.
- () history, people sent letters to each other. These were delivered on foot or on horseback by special messengers. From the
- () which started in 1874 in Switzerland. The UPU was the start of the global communications revolution; people could write to
- () world take part in celebrations to highlight the importance of our postal services. Many things happen on
- (**1**) World Post Day happens each year on the 9th of October. This date is the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU),

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. is This UPU of the date anniversary the .

2. revolution communications global the of start The.

3. to over write all world could others the People.

4. . the importance of our postal services Highlight

5. . special hold exhibitions Countries collection stamp

6. operation Systems for have many been centuries in.

7. way history sent From in people back , letters.

8. postage began up National systems springing.

9. internationally Countries to mail agreed exchange.

10. way postal the the super-efficient Opened for service .

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 WORLD POST DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Post 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 World Post 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.