

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

International Students' Day is on November the 17th every year. It has a tragic beginning, at the start of WWII. Nazis attacked the University of Prague in what was then Czechoslovakia. On November 17, 1939, nine students were executed and 1,200 sent to concentration camps. The 17th of November was first marked as International Students' Day in London in 1941. The International Students' Council (ISC) started it and for many years, asked the United Nations to accept it worldwide. The ISC developed into the International Union of Students (IUS) and continued to remember what happened in Prague. It continues to fight against discrimination. It also places education at the centre of the fight for democracy and human rights.

Students are among the most important members of our society. They are the future of the world. It is time many governments accepted this and took students and their education more seriously. It seems as though few governments truly recognize the importance of a good education for every child. Even in the USA, the "No Child Left Behind" act has left children behind. In Britain, the government's promise of "Education. Education. Education" has been spent on weapons. Students all over the world are desperate to go to any kind of school. The news is full of stories of kids in developing countries wanting an education. This is sad, because many students in developed nations waste their time at school.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. It has a tragic     | a. were executed |
| 2. nine students       | b. happened      |
| 3. concentration       | c. worldwide     |
| 4. accept it           | d. beginning     |
| 5. remember what       | e. rights        |
| 6. democracy and human | f. camps         |

### Paragraph 2

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. among the most           | a. of a good education |
| 2. the future of            | b. countries           |
| 3. recognize the importance | c. on weapons          |
| 4. spent                    | d. important           |
| 5. kids in developing       | e. time                |
| 6. waste their              | f. the world           |

**LISTENING GAP FILL**

International Students' Day is on November the 17th every year. \_\_\_\_\_ beginning, at the start of WWII. Nazis attacked the University of Prague \_\_\_\_\_ Czechoslovakia. On November 17, 1939, nine students were executed and 1,200 sent to concentration camps. The 17th of November \_\_\_\_\_ International Students' Day in London in 1941. The International Students' Council (ISC) started it \_\_\_\_\_, asked the United Nations to accept it worldwide. The ISC developed into the International Union of Students (IUS) \_\_\_\_\_ remember what happened in Prague. It continues to fight against discrimination. It also places education \_\_\_\_\_ the fight for democracy and human rights.

Students are among the most important members \_\_\_\_\_. They are the future of the world. It is time many governments accepted this and took students and their education \_\_\_\_\_. It seems as though few governments truly recognize the importance of a good education \_\_\_\_\_. Even in the USA, the "No Child Left Behind" act has left children behind. In Britain, the government's promise of "Education. Education. Education" has \_\_\_\_\_ weapons. Students all over the world are desperate to go to any kind of school. The news is \_\_\_\_\_ kids in developing countries wanting an education. This is sad, because many students in developed nations \_\_\_\_\_ at school.

**WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL**

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

International Students' Day is on November the 17th every year. It has a \_\_\_\_\_ beginning, at the start of WWII. Nazis attacked the University of Prague in what was \_\_\_\_\_ Czechoslovakia. On November 17, 1939, nine students were executed and 1,200 sent to concentration \_\_\_\_\_. The 17th of November was first marked as International Students' Day in London in 1941. The International Students' Council (ISC) \_\_\_\_\_ it and for many years, asked the United Nations to \_\_\_\_\_ it worldwide. The ISC developed into the International Union of Students (IUS) and continued to \_\_\_\_\_ what happened in Prague. It continues to fight \_\_\_\_\_ discrimination. It also places education at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fight for democracy and human rights.

*camp*  
*accept*  
*against*  
*then*  
*centre*  
*tragic*  
*started*  
*remember*

Students are among the most important members of our \_\_\_\_\_. They are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. It is time many governments accepted this and took students and their education more \_\_\_\_\_. It seems as though few governments \_\_\_\_\_ recognize the importance of a good education for every child. Even in the USA, the "No Child Left Behind" act has left children behind. In Britain, the government's \_\_\_\_\_ of "Education. Education. Education" has been \_\_\_\_\_ on weapons. Students all over the world are desperate to go to any kind of school. The news is full of stories of kids in developing countries \_\_\_\_\_ an education. This is sad, because many students in developed nations \_\_\_\_\_ their time at school.

*future*  
*spent*  
*truly*  
*waste*  
*society*  
*wanting*  
*seriously*  
*promise*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

International Students' Day is on November the 17th every year. It has a *tragic / tragedy* beginning, at the start of WWII. Nazis attacked the University of Prague in what was *there / then* Czechoslovakia. On November 17, 1939, nine students were *execution / executed* and 1,200 sent to concentration camps. The 17th of November was first *parked / marked* as International Students' Day in London in 1941. The International Students' Council (ISC) started it and *from / for* many years, asked the United Nations to accept it *global / worldwide*. The ISC developed into the International Union of Students (IUS) and continued to remember what *happened / happens* in Prague. It continues to fight against discrimination. It also places education at the *centre / central* of the fight for democracy and human rights.

Students are *between / among* the most important members of our society. They are the future of the world. It is *time / timing* many governments accepted this and took students and their education *more / seriously*. It seems as though few governments *truth / truly* recognize the importance of a good education for *every / all* child. Even in the USA, the "No Child Left Behind" act has left children *front / behind*. In Britain, the government's promise of "Education. Education. Education" has been spent *in / on* weapons. Students all over the world are desperate to go to any kind of school. The news is full of stories of kids in developing countries wanting an education. This is sad, because many students in developed nations *wasteful / waste* their time at school.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

International Students' Day is on November the 17th every year. It has a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ beginning, at the start of WWII. Nazis attacked the University of Prague in what was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Czechoslovakia. On November 17, 1939, nine students were executed and 1,200 sent (3) \_\_\_\_\_ concentration camps. The 17th of November was first marked as International Students' Day in London in 1941. The International Students' Council (ISC) started it and for (4) \_\_\_\_\_ years, asked the United Nations to accept it (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The ISC developed into the International Union of Students (IUS) and continued to remember what happened in Prague. It continues to fight against discrimination. It also places education at the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the fight for democracy and human rights.

Students are among the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ important members of our society. They are the future of the world. It is time many governments accepted this and took students and their education more (8) \_\_\_\_\_. It seems as though few governments truly recognize the importance of a good education for every child. Even in the USA, the "No Child Left Behind" act has left children (9) \_\_\_\_\_. In Britain, the government's promise of "Education. Education. Education" has been spent (10) \_\_\_\_\_ weapons. Students all over the world are desperate to go to any kind of school. The news is (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of stories of kids in developing countries wanting an education. This is sad, because many students in developed nations (12) \_\_\_\_\_ their time at school.

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

- |     |              |                 |               |               |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) tragedy  | (b) tragically  | (c) tragic    | (d) tragedies |
| 2.  | (a) then     | (b) when        | (c) there     | (d) near      |
| 3.  | (a) on       | (b) up          | (c) at        | (d) to        |
| 4.  | (a) much     | (b) many        | (c) more      | (d) most      |
| 5.  | (a) global   | (b) planet      | (c) worldwide | (d) Earth     |
| 6.  | (a) mid      | (b) centre      | (c) focus     | (d) middling  |
| 7.  | (a) most     | (b) mast        | (c) must      | (d) mist      |
| 8.  | (a) serious  | (b) seriousness | (c) seriously | (d) series    |
| 9.  | (a) front    | (b) ahead       | (c) there     | (d) behind    |
| 10. | (a) on       | (b) in          | (c) at        | (d) of        |
| 11. | (a) fill     | (b) full        | (c) filling   | (d) filled    |
| 12. | (a) wasteful | (b) waster      | (c) wasting   | (d) waste     |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. a agticr beginning
2. nine students were eexetcud
3. accept it iolwdrwde
4. reebemmr what happened
5. fight asgtnai discrimination
6. human hstrgi

### Paragraph 2

7. members of our iecosty
8. more yssueiolr
9. a good utnaieocd
10. spent on swponae
11. oendvlgepi countries
12. tseaw their time at school



**PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER****Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) International Students' Day is on November the 17th every year. It has a tragic beginning, at the start
- ( ) world. It is time many governments accepted this and took students and their education more
- ( ) Students are among the most important members of our society. They are the future of the
- ( ) students were executed and 1,200 sent to concentration camps. The 17th of November was first marked
- ( ) seriously. It seems as though few governments truly recognize the importance of a good education for every
- ( ) years, asked the United Nations to accept it worldwide. The ISC developed into the International Union
- ( ) of WWII. Nazis attacked the University of Prague in what was then Czechoslovakia. On November 17, 1939, nine
- ( ) of "Education. Education. Education" has been spent on weapons. Students all over the world are desperate
- ( ) as International Students' Day in London in 1941. The International Students' Council (ISC) started it and for many
- ( ) of Students (IUS) and continued to remember what happened in Prague. It continues to fight against
- ( ) child. Even in the USA, the "No Child Left Behind" act has left children behind. In Britain, the government's promise
- ( ) wanting an education. This is sad, because many students in developed nations waste their time at school.
- ( ) discrimination. It also places education at the centre of the fight for democracy and human rights.
- ( ) to go to any kind of school. The news is full of stories of kids in developing countries

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. beginning tragic a has It.

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2. 17, 1939, nine students were executed On November.

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3. Continued Prague in happened what remember to.

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4. to against continues fight discrimination It.

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5. of centre The democracy for fight the.

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6. our of members important most The society.

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7. They world the of future the are.

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8. a of importance the Recognize education good.

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9. kind to of go school to any Desperate.

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10. time their waste nations developed in Students.

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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 STUDENTS DAY SURVEY

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

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