SADIE HAWKINS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Sadie Hawkins Day is a fun holiday based on a comic strip character. Over the decades, it has developed into a well-known celebration. Sadie Hawkins was created by a man called Al Capp. He wrote a now-classic cartoon called Li'l Abner. He worked on this from 1934 to 1977. Ms Hawkins lived in a small rural community in the fictional town of Dogpatch. She waited and waited and waited for a marriage proposal, but none came. At the age of 35, her father struck upon an idea to marry off his daughter. He decided to name a day after his daughter. There was a special event on this day. Sadie had to chase all the unmarried men in the town. Whoever she caught, she would marry.

The bachelor chase in the cartoon strip is still observed today in many places in the USA. The most common events are special parties at which girls can approach boys and ask them to dance. The parties are sometimes called "WPAs" (Women Pay All) or "Turnabout". Obviously, this is because the girls invite the boys and pay for dinner and dance tickets, etc. These events are declining in popularity. In 1952, there were over 40,000 Sadie Hawkins Day events. Nowadays, with the rise of the modern feminist movement, it has become more of a fun event. It is common today to "go dutch," which is when a man and woman split the bill at a restaurant.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1.	comic strip	*a.*	proposal
2	a well-known	*b.*	community
3.	a small rural	*c.*	an idea
4.	marriage	*d.*	character
5.	struck upon	*e.*	unmarried men
6.	chase all the	*f.*	celebration

Paragraph 2

1.	still observed	*a.*	approach boys
2	The most common	*b.*	the bill
3.	girls can	*c.*	today
4.	declining in	*d.*	movement
5.	modern feminist	*e.*	events
6.	split	*f.*	popularity

LISTENING GAP FILL

Sadie Hawkins Day is _____ on a comic strip character. Over the decades, it has developed _____ celebration. Sadie Hawkins was created by a man called Al Capp. He wrote _____ called Li'l Abner. He worked on this from 1934 to 1977. Ms Hawkins lived in a _____ in the fictional town of Dogpatch. She waited and waited and waited for a marriage proposal, but none came. At the age of 35, her father _____ marry off his daughter. He decided to name a day after his daughter. There was a special event on this day. Sadie _____ unmarried men in the town. Whoever she caught, she would marry.

The bachelor chase in the cartoon strip is _____ in many places in the USA. The most common events are special parties at which _____ and ask them to dance. The parties are sometimes called "WPAs" (Women Pay All) or "Turnabout". Obviously, this is because the _____ boys _____ and dance tickets, etc. These events are declining in popularity. In 1952, there were over 40,000 Sadie Hawkins Day events. Nowadays, _____ the modern feminist movement, it has become more of a fun event. It is common today to "go dutch," which is when a man and woman _____ a restaurant.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Sadie Hawkins Day is a fun holiday _____ on a comic strip character. Over the decades, it has developed into a well-known celebration. Sadie Hawkins was _____ by a man called Al Capp. He wrote a now-classic cartoon called Li'l Abner. He worked on this from 1934 to 1977. Ms Hawkins lived in a small _____ community in the _____ town of Dogpatch. She waited and waited and waited for a marriage _____, but none came. At the age of 35, her father struck upon an _____ to marry off his daughter. He decided to name a day _____ his daughter. There was a special event on this day. Sadie had to _____ all the unmarried men in the town. Whoever she caught, she would marry.

proposal

rural

based

chase

after

idea

created

fictional

The bachelor chase in the cartoon strip is still _____ today in many places in the USA. The most _____ events are special parties at which girls can approach boys and ask them to dance. The _____ are sometimes called "WPAs" (Women Pay All) or "Turnabout". Obviously, this is because the girls _____ the boys and pay for dinner and dance tickets, etc. These events are _____ in popularity. In 1952, there were over 40,000 Sadie Hawkins Day events. Nowadays, with the _____ of the modern feminist movement, it has _____ more of a fun event. It is common today to "go dutch," which is when a man and woman _____ the bill at a restaurant.

common

declining

become

parties

observed

split

invite

rise

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Sadie Hawkins Day is a fun holiday based on a comic *strap / strip* character. Over the decades, it has developed *onto / into* a well-known celebration. Sadie Hawkins was *created / creation* by a man called Al Capp. He wrote a now-classic cartoon called Li'l Abner. He worked on this from 1934 to 1977. Ms Hawkins lived in a small rural community in the *book / fictional* town of Dogpatch. She waited and waited and waited for a *married / marriage* proposal, but none came. At the age of 35, her father *struck / stuck* upon an idea to marry off his daughter. He decided to name a day *after / over* his daughter. There was a special event on this day. Sadie had to chase all the unmarried men in the town. Whoever she caught, she would *marry / marriage*.

The bachelor chase in the cartoon strip is *yet / still* observed today in many places in the USA. The most common events are special parties at *where / which* girls can approach boys and ask *him / them* to dance. The parties are *sometime / sometimes* called "WPAs" (Women Pay All) or "Turnabout". Obviously, this is because the girls invite the boys and pay *for / with* dinner and dance tickets, etc. These events are declining in *popularity / population*. In 1952, there were over 40,000 Sadie Hawkins Day events. Nowadays, with the *rise / raise* of the modern feminist movement, it has become more of a fun event. It is common today to "go dutch," which is when a man and woman split the *bill / pill* at a restaurant.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Sadie Hawkins Day is a fun holiday based (1) _____ a comic strip character. Over the decades, it has developed into a well-(2) _____ celebration. Sadie Hawkins was created by a man called Al Capp. He wrote a now-(3) _____ cartoon called Li'l Abner. He worked on this from 1934 to 1977. Ms Hawkins lived in a small rural community in the (4) _____ town of Dogpatch. She waited and waited and waited for a marriage proposal, but none came. At the age of 35, her father (5) _____ upon an idea to marry off his daughter. He decided to name a day after his daughter. There was a special event on this day. Sadie had to chase all the unmarried men in the town. Whoever she caught, she would (6) _____.

The bachelor chase in the cartoon strip is still (7) _____ today in many places in the USA. The most common events are special parties at (8) _____ girls can approach boys and ask them to dance. The parties are sometimes called "WPAs" (Women Pay All) or "Turnabout". Obviously, this is because the girls (9) _____ the boys and pay for dinner and dance tickets, etc. These events are declining in popularity. In 1952, there were over 40,000 Sadie Hawkins Day events. Nowadays, with the (10) _____ of the modern feminist movement, it has become more of a fun event. It is common today to "go (11) _____," which is when a man and woman split the (12) _____ at a restaurant.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1.	(a)	with	(b)	on	(c)	in	(d)	by
2.	(a)	known	(b)	knew	(c)	knowing	(d)	know
3.	(a)	classically	(b)	class	(c)	classify	(d)	classic
4.	(a)	frictional	(b)	fictional	(c)	factional	(d)	fractional
5.	(a)	struck	(b)	stick	(c)	stack	(d)	trucks
6.	(a)	marriage	(b)	married	(c)	marry	(d)	marry
7.	(a)	observance	(b)	observed	(c)	observer	(d)	observation
8.	(a)	which	(b)	where	(c)	when	(d)	how
9.	(a)	invitation	(b)	inviting	(c)	invited	(d)	invite
10.	(a)	raise	(b)	arise	(c)	rising	(d)	rise
11.	(a)	French	(b)	Belgian	(c)	dutch	(d)	Spanish
12.	(a)	till	(b)	pill	(c)	bill	(d)	dill

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. <u>ccoim</u> strip character

2. Over the <u>seeaddc</u>

3. <u>ualrr</u> community

4. a marriage <u>osplraop</u>

5. <u>ktrcsu</u> upon an idea

6. <u>escah</u> all the unmarried men

Paragraph 2

7. still <u>ersevbod</u> today

8. common <u>senvet</u>

9. ask them to <u>andec</u>

10. declining in <u>ulroayptip</u>

11. the modern feminist <u>omntemve</u>

12. <u>pitsl</u> the bill

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )   upon an idea to marry off his daughter. He decided to name a day after his

(*1*)   Sadie Hawkins Day is a fun holiday based on a comic strip character. Over the decades, it has developed into a well-

( )   the girls invite the boys and pay for dinner and dance tickets, etc. These events are declining in

( )   daughter. There was a special event on this day. Sadie had to chase all the unmarried

( )   men in the town. Whoever she caught, she would marry.

( )   dance. The parties are sometimes called "WPAs" (Women Pay All) or "Turnabout". Obviously, this is because

( )   popularity. In 1952, there were over 40,000 Sadie Hawkins Day events. Nowadays, with the rise

( )   USA. The most common events are special parties at which girls can approach boys and ask them to

( )   called Li'l Abner. He worked on this from 1934 to 1977. Ms Hawkins lived in a small rural community in the fictional

( )   town of Dogpatch. She waited and waited and waited for a marriage proposal, but none came. At the age of 35, her father struck

( )   of the modern feminist movement, it has become more of a fun event. It is common

( )   The bachelor chase in the cartoon strip is still observed today in many places in the

( )   today to "go dutch," which is when a man and woman split the bill at a restaurant.

( )   known celebration. Sadie Hawkins was created by a man called Al Capp. He wrote a now-classic cartoon

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. on   strip   A   based   comic   holiday   a   character   fun.

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2. -   well   a   into   Developed   celebration   known.

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3. this   from   He   1934   worked   to   on   1977.

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4. daughter   his   off   marry   to   idea   An.

_____

5. unmarried   to   men   chase   all   Sadie   the   had.

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6. cartoon   the   in   chase   bachelor   The   strip.

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7. approach   ask   dance   can   and   to   Girls   boys   them.

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8. boys   and   Girls   pay   invite   for   the   dinner.

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9. rise   The   movement   feminist   modern   the   of.

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10. split   the   bill   at   a   restaurant   A   man   and   woman.

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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 SADIE HAWKINS DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Sadie Hawkins 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 Sadie Hawkins 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.