INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S BOOK DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

International Children's Book Day (ICBD) is on April the 2nd every year. This is the birthday of one of the most famous children’s writers Hans Christian Andersen. The day started in 1925. Today it is sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People. This is a non-profit organization which aims to encourage children to read more books. ICBD celebrations are held across the world and include guest appearances by famous authors and illustrators, writing competitions, and book awards. It is a busy day for school and public libraries. ICBD also aims to promote international understanding through children’s books, to increase children’s access to books, and to encourage the publication of better quality children’s books.

Hans Christian Andersen was born in Denmark in 1805 and died in 1875. He was an author and poet. He is best known for his fairy tales, which are loved by children all around the world. Among his best-known stories are The Snow Queen, The Little Mermaid, Thumbelina, and The Ugly Duckling. He became more famous throughout Europe with each book he wrote. His fairy tales have been translated into over 150 languages. Millions of copies are still sold every year. They are so popular they have become a part of the reading culture of most countries. They are permanently on teachers’ reading lists and school library shelves. When Andersen was a child, he had a passionate love for books, which prompted him to write stories for children.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. one of the most famous
2. a non-profit
3. encourage children
4. celebrations are held
5. famous authors and
6. the publication of better quality

Paragraph 2

1. He is best
2. loved by children all
3. translated into
4. a part of the reading
5. reading lists and school library
6. he had a passionate

a. children’s books
b. illustrators
c. children’s writers
d. organization
e. to read
f. across the world

a. around the world
b. shelves
c. culture
d. love for books
e. known for his fairy tales
f. over 150 languages
LISTENING GAP FILL

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) mostly (b) most (c) much (d) many
2. (a) sponsored (b) sponsor (c) sponsors (d) sponsorship
3. (a) aiming (b) aimed (c) aim (d) aims
4. (a) inclusive (b) including (c) include (d) includes
5. (a) publicity (b) public (c) publically (d) publicist
6. (a) quality (b) qualify (c) qualities (d) qualifies
7. (a) loving (b) loves (c) loved (d) lover
8. (a) through (b) throughout (c) thorough (d) thoroughly
9. (a) sold (b) seller (c) sales (d) sell
10. (a) read (b) reader (c) reading (d) reads
11. (a) shelf (b) shells (c) shell (d) shelves
12. (a) prompt (b) prompts (c) prompting (d) prompted
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. most famous children’s errsiwt
2. ueeanogcr children to read
3. celebrations are held ocsras the world
4. otormpe international understanding
5. increase children’s sccsea to books
6. taiyuql children’s books

Paragraph 2

7. rfayi tales
8. levdo by children
9. l tandteasr into over 150 languages
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. most one famous of children’s the writers

2. are celebrations world the across held

3. public is day and It busy school libraries a for

4. increase to children’s books access

5. better children’s the of quality books publication

6. his for known best is He tales fairy

7. by all the loved children around world

8. year every sold still are copies of Millions

9. have the become reading a culture part they of

10. love books had passionate for he a
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. _______________________________________________________

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THE CHILDREN’S BOOK DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about International Children’s Book 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.

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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 Children’s Book 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 International Children’s Book Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about International Children’s Book 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 Children’s Book Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.