WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

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ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.
THE READING / TAPESCRIPy

April the 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD). Autism is a disorder that affects the development of the brain. People who suffer from autism often have problems interacting socially with others. They also repeat the same things again and again. WAAD started in 2007 when the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to recognize the disorder. The Emir of Qatar pushed for this day to take place and won support from UN member states. WAAD is one of only three United Nations Days that focus on specific diseases. It aims to bring the world's attention to autism and the tens of millions of sufferers. On this day, countries hold events that celebrate the unique talents and skills of autistic people.

Autism affects as many as 1 in 150 children. No one knows the reason why, but boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls. Autism can affect any child in the world, regardless of where they live or their social background. It is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the world and is a growing global health crisis. Autism affects more children around the world than AIDS, cancer and diabetes combined. Parents usually notice the first signs of autism in children from the age of two. Although there is no cure for the condition yet, education can help the child become more independent. However much care autistic children receive, few grow up and look after themselves.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. a disorder that affects the a. suffer from autism
   People who
2. problems interacting b. adopted a resolution
c. skills of autistic people
3. the UN General Assembly d. development of the brain
e. socially with others
4. tens of millions f. of sufferers
5. celebrate the unique talents and

Paragraph 2

1. Autism affects as many as a. for the condition yet
   b. global health crisis
   2. boys are four times more likely
c. 1 in 150 children
d. to have autism
   e. after themselves
   3. a growing
f. signs of autism
4. Parents usually notice the first
5. there is no cure
6. few grow up and look
LISTENING GAP FILL

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Autism affects ________________ 150 children. No one knows the reason why, but boys are four ________________ have autism than girls. Autism can affect any child in the world, regardless of where ________________ social background. It is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the world and is a growing global health crisis. Autism affects more children ________________ than AIDS, cancer and diabetes combined. Parents usually notice the first signs of autism in children ________________ two. Although there is no cure for the condition yet, education can help the child become more independent. However much care autistic children receive, ________________ look after themselves.
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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

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Autism affects as many as 1 on / in 150 children. No one knows the reason why, but boys are four times more liked / likely to have autism than girls. Autism can affect any / only child in the world, regardless of where they life / live or their social background. It is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the world and is a growing global / globally health crisis. Autism affects more children around the world than AIDS, cancer and diabetes combined. Parents usually notice / noticing the first signs of autism in children from the age of two. Although there is not / no cure for the condition yet, education can help the child become more independent. However much care autistic children receive, few grow / grew up and look after themselves.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

April the 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD). Autism is a (1) ____ that affects the development of the brain. People who suffer (2) ____ autism often have problems interacting socially with (3) _____. They also repeat the same things again and again. WAAD started in 2007 when the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to (4) ____ the disorder. The Emir of Qatar pushed for this day to take place and won support from UN member states. WAAD is one of only three United Nations Days that focus (5) ____ specific diseases. It aims to bring the world's attention to autism and the tens of millions of sufferers. On this day, countries hold events that celebrate the unique talents and (6) ____ of autistic people.

Autism affects as many as 1 (7) ____ 150 children. No one knows the reason why, but boys are four times more (8) ____ to have autism than girls. Autism can affect any child in the world, regardless of where they live or their social background. It is the fastest (9) ____ serious developmental disability in the world and is a growing global health crisis. Autism affects more children around the world than AIDS, cancer and diabetes (10) ____. Parents usually notice the first signs of autism in children from the age of two. Although there is (11) ____ cure for the condition yet, education can help the child become more independent. However much care autistic children receive, few (12) ____ up and look after themselves.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) disorder (b) orderly (c) disorders (d) ordered
2. (a) for (b) that (c) from (d) at
3. (a) another (b) others (c) other (d) the other
4. (a) recognition (b) recognized (c) recognizes (d) recognize
5. (a) on (b) in (c) at (d) to
6. (a) skillful (b) skills (c) skilled (d) skillfully
7. (a) on (b) at (c) in (d) to
8. (a) liked (b) likes (c) likely (d) liking
9. (a) growth (b) grows (c) grown (d) growing
10. (a) combined (b) combination (c) combines (d) combine
11. (a) never (b) no (c) not (d) none
12. (a) grew (b) growth (c) grown (d) grow
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1
1. Autism is a rderoids
2. problems interacting aislocly with others
3. won psotpur from UN member states
4. foucs on specific diseases
5. bring the world's tnnetiota to autism
6. eiuqnu talents

Paragraph 2
7. ctsfefa as many as 1 in 150 children
8. four times more eilylk
9. lcosia background
10. notice the first snsqi
11. no rceu for the condition yet
12. look ferat themselves
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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. that the affects brain the a development disorder of

2. socially interacting problems have others with

3. same again again the things and repeat

4. from support won states member UN

5. autistic of skills and talents unique the people

6. 1 affects in as 150 many children as Autism

7. have times autism more boys likely are to four

8. in usually first autism Parents the of children notice signs

9. is there yet condition the for cure no

10. themselves grow and after few up look
DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________

6. ____________________________________________

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

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________

6. ____________________________________________
# THE AUTISM AWARENESS DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Autism Awareness 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 Autism Awareness Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.