INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRPT

Nurses do one of the most important jobs in the world. There is a special day for us to celebrate them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 every year. Of course, this is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. On IND, nurses take part in different events to highlight the importance of their work. They give ordinary people a chance to learn about the work they do. Many hospitals and clinics organize fund-raising events to highlight the work of nurses. IND was started in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was important to have a special day to raise awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a day for nurses to pat themselves on the back and be proud of doing such a valuable job.

Florence Nightingale is known as the founder of modern nursing. She was British, but was born in Italy in 1820. She was named after her birth place, the city of Florence. She went to good schools and her parents thought she would marry a rich gentleman, which is what all good ladies did then. However, she felt the need to help people and became a nurse. Her parents were shocked. She started her nursing career when she was 33. A year later, she went to Turkey to help British soldiers wounded in the Crimean War. She worked very long hours into the early hours of the morning and got the nickname “lady of the lamp”. She greatly improved conditions in the hospital and changed hospital care and nursing forever.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. one of the most important  
   a. nurses  
2. highlight the importance  
   b. valuable job  
3. give ordinary people  
   c. jobs in the world  
4. the important work of  
   d. on the back  
5. pat themselves  
   e. of their work  
6. be proud of doing such a  
   f. a chance to learn

Paragraph 2

1. the founder of  
   a. help British soldiers  
2. She was named  
   b. and nursing forever  
3. she felt the need  
   c. of the morning  
4. she went to Turkey to  
   d. modern nursing  
5. into the early hours  
   e. to help people  
6. changed hospital care  
   f. after her birth place
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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CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

Nurses do one of the most (1) ____ jobs in the world. There is a special day for us to celebrate them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 (2) ____ year. Of course, this is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. On IND, nurses take part in (3) ____ events to highlight the importance of their work. They give ordinary people a chance to (4) ____ about the work they do. Many hospitals and clinics organize fund-raising events to highlight the work of nurses. IND was (5) ____ in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was important to have a special day to raise awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a day for nurses to (6) ____ themselves on the back and be proud of doing such a valuable job.

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Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) importance (b) import (c) important (d) imports
2. (a) every (b) all (c) each (d) whole
3. (a) differed (b) different (c) differs (d) difference
4. (a) learning (b) learnt (c) learns (d) learn
5. (a) starts (b) starting (c) started (d) start
6. (a) pet (b) pat (c) pit (d) pot
7. (a) founder (b) finding (c) find (d) finds
8. (a) naming (b) named (c) names (d) a big name
9. (a) made (b) took (c) did (d) went
10. (a) wounded (b) wound up (c) wounds (d) wounding
11. (a) namesake (b) namely (c) nameless (d) nickname
12. (a) great (b) grateful (c) greatness (d) greatly
SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. one of the most tipantrmo jobs
2. the vreasanryi of Florence Nightingale's birth
3. ghhlitighi the importance of their work
4. organize fund-raising nsvtee
5. pat evesmhetsl on the back
6. doing such a aueblval job

Paragraph 2

7. the donfuer of modern nursing
8. She was dname after her birth place
9. her parents ttthugoh she would marry a rich gentleman
10. Her parents were chokdse
11. help British soldiers woednud in the Crimean War
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Number these lines in the correct order.

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

1. the most world important one jobs of in the

2. the birth Nightingale’s Florence of anniversary

3. a the chance work to they learn do about

4. the nurses fund-raising highlight of to work events

5. job valuable a such doing of proud be

6. of the modern founder nursing

7. place was after birth She named her

8. the to people felt need help she

9. the hours the into early of morning

10. hospital greatly conditions the She improved in
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.
# THE INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY SURVEY

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

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