MOTHER’S DAY

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

Mother's Day is an important day all around the world, even though it started in North America and Europe. Not all countries celebrate it on the same day, but the most popular day is the second Sunday in May. It is, of course, a day to honour our mothers and make them feel extra special. A punctuation point about the day is that most countries choose the singular possessive “Mother’s Day”, with the apostrophe before the ‘s’ to show that each family honours their mother, rather than all of the world’s mothers. Young children get especially excited about Mother’s Day and put a lot of effort into making cards and presents for their Mums, or Moms in America. For mothers, it is like having a second birthday.

Mother’s Day in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, etc. means mothers usually get the day off from housework. It is common for children to cook for their mother so she can have breakfast in bed. She also receives presents, flowers and cards. In America, Mother's Day is the busiest day of the year for restaurants, as children take their Mums to lunch and/or dinner. Americans spend a lot on this day - over $2.5 billion on flowers and $70 million on Mother’s Day cards. In Sweden, people buy small plastic flowers and the money raised goes to help needy mothers and their children. Many people are against the idea of Mother’s Day as it is upsetting for children (and adults) who have lost their mother. Spare a thought for them this Mother’s Day.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. Not all countries celebrate it
   a. the ‘s’

2. honour our mothers and make
   b. into making cards

3. the apostrophe before
   c. a second birthday

4. Young children get especially
   d. on the same day

5. put a lot of effort
   e. excited

6. it is like having
   f. them feel extra special

Paragraph 2

1. mothers usually get the day
   a. a lot on this day

2. she can have breakfast
   b. thought for them

3. the busiest day
   c. needy mothers

4. Americans spend
   d. off from housework

5. money raised goes to help
   e. in bed

6. Spare a
   f. of the year
LISTENING GAP FILL

Mother’s Day is an important ________________ world, even though it started in North America and Europe. Not all countries celebrate it ________________, but the most popular day is the second Sunday in May. It is, of course, a day to honour our mothers and make them ________________. A punctuation point about the day is that most countries choose the singular possessive “Mother’s Day”, with the apostrophe before the ‘s’ ________________ family honours their mother, rather than all of the world’s mothers. Young children get especially excited about Mother’s Day and put ________________ making cards and presents for their Mums, or Moms in America. For mothers, ________________ a second birthday.

Mother’s Day in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, etc. means mothers ________________ day off from housework. It is common for children to cook for their mother ________________ breakfast in bed. She also receives presents, flowers and cards. In America, Mother’s Day is ________________ the year for restaurants, as children take their Mums ________________. Americans spend a lot on this day - over $2.5 billion on flowers and $70 million on Mother’s Day cards. In Sweden, people buy small plastic flowers and the money raised ________________ mothers and their children. Many people are against the idea of Mother’s Day as it is upsetting for children (and adults) who have lost their mother. ________________ for them this Mother’s Day.
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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Mother’s Day is an important day all __________ the world, even though it started in North America and Europe. Not all countries __________ it on the same day, but the most popular day is the second Sunday in May. It is, of course, a day to __________ our mothers and make them feel extra special. A punctuation point about the day is that most countries __________ the singular possessive “Mother’s Day”, with the apostrophe before the ‘s’ to show that each family honours their mother, __________ than all of the world’s mothers. Young children get __________ excited about Mother’s Day and put a lot of __________ into making cards and presents for their Mums, or Moms in America. For mothers, it is like __________ a second birthday.

Mother’s Day in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, etc. __________ mothers usually get the day off from housework. It is __________ for children to cook for their mother so she can have breakfast in bed. She also __________ presents, flowers and cards. In America, Mother’s Day is the busiest day of the year for restaurants, as children take their Mums to lunch and/or dinner. Americans __________ a lot on this day - over $2.5 billion on flowers and $70 million on Mother’s Day cards. In Sweden, people buy small plastic flowers and the money __________ goes to help __________ mothers and their children. Many people are __________ the idea of Mother’s Day as it is upsetting for children (and adults) who have lost their mother. Spare a __________ for them this Mother’s Day.
CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Mother's Day is an important day *all / every* around the world, even though it started in North America and Europe. Not all countries celebrate it on the same *daily / day*, but the most popular day is the second Sunday in May. It is, of *course / cause*, a day to honour our mothers and make them feel extra special. A punctuation point about the day is that most countries *chosen / choose* the singular possessive “Mother’s Day”, with the apostrophe before the ‘s’ to show that *all / each* family honours their mother, rather than all of the world’s mothers. Young children get *especially / special* excited about Mother’s Day and put a *lot / lots* of effort into making cards and presents for their Mums, or Moms in America. For mothers, it is *likely / like* having a second birthday.

Mother’s Day in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, etc. *meaning / means* mothers usually get the day off from housework. It is common for children to *cook / cooking* for their mother so she can have breakfast in bed. She also receives presents, *flowers / flower* and cards. In America, Mother’s Day is the busiest day of the year for restaurants, as children *takes / take* their Mums to lunch and/or dinner. Americans spend a lot on this day - over $2.5 billion on flowers and $70 million *on / in* Mother’s Day cards. In Sweden, people buy small plastic flowers and the money raised *goes / go* to help needy mothers and their children. Many people are *again / against* the idea of Mother’s Day as it is upsetting for children (and adults) who have lost their mother. Spare a *thought / think* for them this Mother’s Day.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

Mother's Day is an important day (1) ______ around the world, even though it started in North America and Europe. Not all countries celebrate it on the same day, but the most (2) ______ day is the second Sunday in May. It is, of course, a day to honour our mothers and make them feel extra special. A punctuation (3) ______ about the day is that most countries choose the singular possessive “Mother’s Day”, with the apostrophe before the ‘s’ to (4) ______ that each family honours their mother, rather than all of the world’s mothers. Young children get especially (5) ______ about Mother’s Day and put a lot of effort into making cards and presents for their Mums, or Moms in America. For mothers, it is like (6) ______ a second birthday.

Mother’s Day in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, etc. (7) ______ mothers usually get the day off from housework. It is common for children to cook for their mother so she can have breakfast (8) ______ bed. She also receives presents, flowers and cards. In America, Mother’s Day is the busiest day of the year for restaurants, as children (9) ______ their Mums to lunch and/or dinner. Americans (10) ______ a lot on this day - over $2.5 billion on flowers and $70 million on Mother’s Day cards. In Sweden, people buy small plastic flowers and the money raised goes to help (11) ______ mothers and their children. Many people are against the idea of Mother’s Day as it is upsetting for children (and adults) who have lost their mother. Spare a thought for (12) ______ this Mother’s Day.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) every (b) all (c) whole (d) each
2. (a) popular (b) popularity (c) popularize (d) popularly
3. (a) sharp (b) point (c) end (d) show
4. (a) shown (b) showing (c) show (d) show off
5. (a) exciting (b) excite (c) excites (d) excited
6. (a) having (b) has had (c) had (d) has
7. (a) meant (b) meaning (c) meanie (d) means
8. (a) on (b) under (c) in (d) at
9. (a) cook (b) take (c) make (d) prepare
10. (a) eat (b) talk (c) laugh (d) spend
11. (a) needy (b) needed (c) necessary (d) needs
12. (a) they (b) this (c) them (d) we
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Not all countries rcebatele it
2. make them feel extra lciseap
3. the hstopaoepr before the ‘s’
4. Young children get lspecilaye excited
5. put a lot of roteff into making cards
6. it is like having a denosc birthday

Paragraph 2

7. the day off from eoohkrwsu
8. It is moconm for children to cook for their mother
9. She also rsiecev presents
10. help nyeed mothers
11. Many people are tgiasan the idea
12. Spare a hohgttu for them
Number these lines in the correct order.

(  ) countries celebrate it on the same day, but the most popular day is the second Sunday in May. It is, of course, a day to
(  ) presents, flowers and cards. In America, Mother's Day is the busiest day of the year for restaurants, as
(  ) raised goes to help needy mothers and their children. Many people are against the idea of Mother’s Day as
(  ) about Mother’s Day and put a lot of effort into making cards and presents for their Mums, or
(  ) it is upsetting for children (and adults) who have lost their mother. Spare a thought for them this Mother’s Day.
(  ) Moms in America. For mothers, it is like having a second birthday.
(  ) Mother’s Day in the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, etc. means mothers usually get the day off from
(  ) honour our mothers and make them feel extra special. A punctuation point about the day is that most
(  ) Mother's Day is an important day all around the world, even though it started in North America and Europe. Not all
(  ) on flowers and $70 million on Mother’s Day cards. In Sweden, people buy small plastic flowers and the money
(  ) children take their Mums to lunch and/or dinner. Americans spend a lot on this day - over $2.5 billion
(  ) family honours their mother, rather than all of the world’s mothers. Young children get especially excited
(  ) housework. It is common for children to cook for their mother so she can have breakfast in bed. She also receives
(  ) countries choose the singular possessive “Mother’s Day”, with the apostrophe before the ‘s’ to show that each

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SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. around world important all the an day

2. it Not on all the countries same celebrate day

3. feel make extra them special

4. get Young especially children excited

5. put cards making into effort of lot a

6. from off day the get usually mothers housework

7. It common children cook is for to

8. busiest the restaurants for year the of day

9. goes raised money the mothers needy help to

10. for thought a Spare them
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 MOTHER’S DAY SURVEY**

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Mother’s 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 Mother’s 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.