

# MOTHER'S DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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.

## 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.

*choose*  
*celebrate*  
*effort*  
*rather*  
*having*  
*around*  
*honour*  
*especially*

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.

*spend*  
*receives*  
*needy*  
*thought*  
*means*  
*common*  
*against*  
*raised*

## 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 rsieecev presents
10. help nyeed mothers
11. Many people are tgiasan the idea
12. Spare a hohgttu for them



## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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
- ( **1** ) 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

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. around world important all the an day

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2. it Not on all the countries same celebrate day

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3. feel make extra them special

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4. get Young especially children excited

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5. put cards making into effort of lot a

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6. from off day the get usually mothers housework

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7. It common children cook is for to

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8. busiest the restaurants for year the of day

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9. goes raised money the mothers needy help to

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10. for thought a Spare them

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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.

	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.



## 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 what 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.