

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Telecommunication Day (WTD) celebrates the advances we have made in how we communicate with each other. It is on May 17 each year because that is the day in 1865 when the International Telegraph Union (ITU) started. The ITU manages how the world shares and uses communications. It has successfully coordinated many important developments in our history. These include the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, the world's first satellite in 1957, and the Internet. The ITU has worked to improve telecommunications in the developing world, and to protect individuals and societies from cyber-crime. WTD raises our awareness of the importance of telecommunications in today's global village.

The ITU changed its name to the International Telecommunication Union when technology moved on from telegraphs. Its website says it is "the leading United Nations agency for information and communication technology issues, and the global focal point for governments and the private sector in developing networks and services." It has 191 member countries and it is "committed to connecting the world". Today the ITU manages many aspects of our lives. It helps make the rules for broadband Internet and the latest-generation wireless technologies; it helps airplanes and ships navigate the skies and seas; and it oversees the way scientists try to communicate with outer space and possible aliens.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. WTD celebrates the advances | a. important developments |
| 2. how the world shares and | b. global village |
| 3. It has successfully coordinated many | c. the developing world |
| 4. the invention of | d. we have made |
| 5. improve telecommunications in | e. uses communications |
| 6. telecommunications in today's | f. the telephone |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. technology moved on | a. issues |
| 2. technology | b. wireless technologies |
| 3. governments and the | c. connecting the world |
| 4. it is "committed to | d. from telegraphs |
| 5. the latest-generation | e. space |
| 6. communicate with outer | f. private sector |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Telecommunication Day (WTD) _____ we have made in how we communicate with each other. It is on May 17 each year _____ day in 1865 when the International Telegraph Union (ITU) started. The ITU manages _____ and uses communications. It has successfully coordinated many important developments in our history. These include the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, the _____ in 1957, and the Internet. The ITU has worked to improve telecommunications in the developing world, and _____ and societies from cyber-crime. WTD raises our awareness of the importance of telecommunications in _____.

The ITU _____ the International Telecommunication Union when technology moved on from telegraphs. Its website says it is "the leading United Nations _____ and communication technology issues, and the global focal point for governments and the private sector _____ and services." It has 191 member countries and it is "committed to _____". Today the ITU manages many aspects of our lives. It helps make the rules for broadband Internet and the latest- _____ technologies; it helps airplanes and ships navigate the skies and seas; and it oversees the way scientists try to communicate _____ and possible aliens.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Telecommunication Day (WTD) celebrates the _____ we have made in how we communicate with each other. It is on May 17 each year because that is the day in 1865 when the International Telegraph Union (ITU) _____. The ITU manages how the world shares and _____ communications. It has successfully coordinated many important developments in our history. These include the _____ of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, the world's first _____ in 1957, and the Internet. The ITU has worked to _____ telecommunications in the developing world, and to protect individuals and _____ from cyber-crime. WTD raises our awareness of the importance of telecommunications in today's _____ village.

improve
started
invention
societies
advances
uses
satellite
global

The ITU _____ its name to the International Telecommunication Union when technology moved on from telegraphs. Its website says it is "the _____ United Nations agency for information and communication technology issues, and the global _____ point for governments and the private sector in developing networks and services." It has 191 _____ countries and it is "committed to connecting the world". Today the ITU manages many _____ of our lives. It helps make the rules for broadband Internet and the latest-generation _____ technologies; it helps airplanes and ships _____ the skies and seas; and it oversees the way scientists try to communicate with _____ space and possible aliens.

focal
aspects
navigate
changed
outer
leading
wireless
member

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

World Telecommunication Day (WTD) *celebration* / *celebrates* the advances we have made in how we communicate with *each* / *one* other. It is on May 17 each year because that is the day in 1865 when the International Telegraph Union (ITU) started. The ITU *managers* / *manages* how the world shares and uses communications. It has successfully coordinated *many* / *much* important developments in our history. These include the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, the *world's* / *world* first satellite in 1957, and the Internet. The ITU has worked to improve telecommunications in the developing world, and to *protect* / *protecting* individuals and societies from cyber-crime. WTD *rises* / *raises* our awareness of the importance of telecommunications in today's *global* / *globally* village.

The ITU *changed* / *changing* its name to the International Telecommunication Union when technology moved *on* / *at* from telegraphs. Its website says it is "the *leading* / *loading* United Nations agency for information and communication technology issues, and the global focal point for governments and the private *factor* / *sector* in developing networks and services." It has 191 *members* / *member* countries and it is "committed to connecting the world". Today the ITU manages many *aspects* / *aspect* of our lives. It helps make the rules for broadband Internet and the latest-generation *wire* / *wireless* technologies; it helps airplanes and ships navigate the skies and seas; and it oversees the way scientists try to communicate with *inner* / *outer* space and possible aliens.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Telecommunication Day (WTD) celebrates the advances we have (1) _____ in how we communicate with each other. It is on May 17 each year because that is the day in 1865 when the International Telegraph Union (ITU) started. The ITU (2) _____ how the world shares and uses communications. It has successfully coordinated (3) _____ important developments in our history. These include the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, the (4) _____ first satellite in 1957, and the Internet. The ITU has worked to improve telecommunications in the (5) _____ world, and to protect individuals and societies from cyber-crime. WTD raises our awareness of the importance of telecommunications in today's (6) _____ village.

The ITU changed its name to the International Telecommunication Union when technology (7) _____ on from telegraphs. Its website says it is "the leading United Nations agency (8) _____ information and communication technology issues, and the global focal point for governments and the private sector in developing networks and services." It has 191 (9) _____ countries and it is "committed to connecting the world". Today the ITU manages many aspects of our lives. It helps make the (10) _____ for broadband Internet and the latest-generation (11) _____ technologies; it helps airplanes and ships navigate the skies and seas; and it oversees the way scientists try to communicate with outer (12) _____ and possible aliens.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) made | (b) ordered | (c) built | (d) erected |
| 2. | (a) management | (b) managers | (c) manages | (d) manage |
| 3. | (a) much | (b) more | (c) most | (d) many |
| 4. | (a) worlds | (b) world's | (c) worlds' | (d) world |
| 5. | (a) developing | (b) development | (c) develops | (d) develop |
| 6. | (a) globally | (b) globe | (c) globes | (d) global |
| 7. | (a) forwarded | (b) moved | (c) relocated | (d) changed |
| 8. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) via | (d) thus |
| 9. | (a) remember | (b) dismember | (c) member | (d) members |
| 10. | (a) ruled | (b) rules | (c) rulers | (d) ruler |
| 11. | (a) wiry | (b) wires | (c) wire tap | (d) wireless |
| 12. | (a) spaced out | (b) spatial | (c) space | (d) spaces |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the savednac we have made
2. developments in our iorthsy
3. the nnnoiteiv of the telephone
4. in the denepvilgo world
5. cerby-crime
6. in today's global laeilgv

Paragraph 2

7. technology emodv on from telegraphs
8. the global flcao point for governments
9. the private cosret
10. the ITU eaasmgn many aspects of our lives
11. the latest-erntanieog wireless technologies
12. uoter space and possible aliens

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the way scientists try to communicate with outer space and possible aliens.
- (**1**) World Telecommunication Day (WTD) celebrates the advances we have made in how we communicate with each
- () the developing world, and to protect individuals and societies from cyber-crime. WTD raises our
- () awareness of the importance of telecommunications in today's global village.
- () wireless technologies; it helps airplanes and ships navigate the skies and seas; and it oversees
- () other. It is on May 17 each year because that is the day in 1865 when the International Telegraph Union (ITU)
- () in 1876, the world's first satellite in 1957, and the Internet. The ITU has worked to improve telecommunications in
- () many important developments in our history. These include the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell
- () technology issues, and the global focal point for governments and the private sector in developing networks
- () started. The ITU manages how the world shares and uses communications. It has successfully coordinated
- () and services." It has 191 member countries and it is "committed to connecting the world". Today the ITU
- () manages many aspects of our lives. It helps make the rules for broadband Internet and the latest-generation
- () The ITU changed its name to the International Telecommunication Union when technology moved
- () on from telegraphs. Its website says it is "the leading United Nations agency for information and communication

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. we have communicate made the in advances how we

2. communications the shares uses how world and

3. in developments important many history our

4. developing the in telecommunications improve world

5. in village today's telecommunications global

6. from moved telegraphs on technology

7. for point focal global the governments

8. lives our of aspects many manages ITU the

9. seas and skies the navigate ships and airplanes

10. with space possible communicate outer and aliens

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 WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Telecommunications 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.			

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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.**

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 Telecommunications Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Telecommunications 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 Telecommunications 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.