

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE & ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

June the 26th is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. It is a day organized by the United Nations to raise awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. It started in 1988 and has got bigger each year. This seems necessary as the trade in illegal drugs is increasing greatly. The 26th of June was chosen for historical reasons. It was on this day that a Chinese official of the Qing dynasty, Lin Zexu, dismantled the opium trade in Guangdong, China, just before the Opium War started. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Anan said: "Illicit drugs destroy innumerable individual lives and undermine our societies." He added the drug trade "remains a major challenge for the international community".

The United Nations estimates the annual illegal drug trade is worth US\$500 billion a year. It leads to considerable problems in most societies around the world. Drugs can destroy families, communities and lives and make people turn to crime. The revenues from drugs help tyrants stay in power and finance terrorist groups. Billions of dollars a year are spent on trying to catch international drug traffickers, and the drug dealers that plague our streets. Many countries seem to be fighting a losing battle against the drug gangs. Younger and younger people are using drugs. They are now a huge problem in schools. The UN says nearly 200 million people worldwide are addicted to drugs.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. raise awareness of the dangers | a. individual lives |
| 2. It started in 1988 and has got | b. of drug abuse |
| 3. The 26th of June was chosen | c. major challenge |
| 4. the opium | d. for historical reasons |
| 5. drugs destroy innumerable | e. trade |
| 6. the drug trade remains a | f. bigger each year |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. the annual illegal drug trade is worth | a. to crime |
| 2. make people turn | b. our streets |
| 3. finance | c. are addicted to drugs |
| 4. drug dealers that plague | d. US\$500 billion |
| 5. fighting a losing | e. terrorist groups |
| 6. 200 million people worldwide | f. battle |

LISTENING GAP FILL

June the 26th is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. It is a _____ the United Nations to raise awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. It started in 1988 _____ each year. This seems necessary as the trade in illegal drugs is increasing greatly. The 26th of June was _____ reasons. It was on this day that a Chinese official of the Qing dynasty, Lin Zexu, dismantled the opium trade in Guangdong, China, just before the Opium War started. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Anan said: "Illicit drugs destroy innumerable individual lives and _____." He added the drug trade "remains _____ for the international community".

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WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

June the 26th is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. It is a day _____ by the United Nations to raise awareness of the _____ of drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. It started in 1988 and has got bigger each year. This seems necessary as the trade in illegal drugs is increasing _____. The 26th of June was _____ for historical reasons. It was on this day that a Chinese official of the Qing dynasty, Lin Zexu, _____ the opium trade in Guangdong, China, just before the Opium War _____. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Anan said: "Illicit drugs _____ innumerable individual lives and undermine our societies." He added the drug trade "remains a major _____ for the international community".

greatly
organized
started
challenge
dangers
chosen
destroy
dismantled

The United Nations _____ the annual illegal drug trade is worth US\$500 billion a year. It _____ to considerable problems in most societies around the world. Drugs can _____ families, communities and lives and make people turn to crime. The revenues from drugs help _____ stay in power and finance terrorist groups. Billions of dollars a year are spent on trying to _____ international drug traffickers, and the drug dealers that plague our streets. Many countries seem to be fighting a _____ battle against the drug gangs. Younger and younger people are using drugs. They are now a _____ problem in schools. The UN says nearly 200 million people worldwide are _____ to drugs.

losing
leads
addicted
destroy
estimates
catch
tyrants
huge

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

June the 26th is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. It is a day *organization / organized* by the United Nations to raise awareness of the dangers of drug *abuser / abuse* and the illegal drug trade. It started in 1988 and has got bigger each year. This *seems / seem* necessary as the trade in illegal drugs is increasing greatly. The 26th of June was *choice / chosen* for historical reasons. It was on this day that a Chinese *office / official* of the Qing dynasty, Lin Zexu, dismantled the opium trade in Guangdong, China, just before the Opium War *started / starting*. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Anan said: "Illicit drugs destroy innumerable individual *life / lives* and undermine our societies." He added the drug trade "remains a *major / majority* challenge for the international community".

The United Nations estimates the *annually / annual* illegal drug trade is worth US\$500 billion a year. It leads to considerable problems in most *societies / society* around the world. Drugs can destroy families, communities and lives and make people turn *at / to* crime. The revenues from drugs help tyrants stay in power and *financial / finance* terrorist groups. Billions of dollars a year are spent on trying to catch international drug traffickers, and the *medicine / drug* dealers that plague our streets. Many countries seem to be fighting a *losing / loser* battle *for / against* the drug gangs. Younger and younger people are using drugs. They are now a huge problem in schools. The UN says nearly 200 million people worldwide are *addicted / addictive* to drugs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

June the 26th is International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. It is a day (1) _____ by the United Nations to (2) _____ awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. It started in 1988 and has got bigger each year. This (3) _____ necessary as the trade in illegal drugs is increasing greatly. The 26th of June was chosen for (4) _____ reasons. It was on this day that a Chinese official of the Qing dynasty, Lin Zexu, dismantled the opium trade in Guangdong, China, just before the Opium War started. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Anan said: "Illicit drugs (5) _____ innumerable individual lives and undermine our societies." He added the drug (6) _____ "remains a major challenge for the international community".

The United Nations estimates the annual illegal drug trade is (7) _____ US\$500 billion a year. It leads to considerable problems in most societies around the world. Drugs can destroy families, communities and lives and make people (8) _____ to crime. The revenues from drugs help tyrants stay in power and finance terrorist groups. Billions of dollars a year are (9) _____ on trying to catch international drug traffickers, and the drug dealers that plague (10) _____ streets. Many countries seem to be fighting a (11) _____ battle against the drug gangs. Younger and younger people are using drugs. They are now a huge problem in schools. The UN says nearly 200 million people worldwide are (12) _____ to drugs.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) organized | (b) organization | (c) organizer | (d) organizes |
| 2. | (a) rise | (b) risen | (c) raise | (d) arise |
| 3. | (a) seem | (b) seems | (c) seemingly | (d) seemed |
| 4. | (a) history | (b) historical | (c) historian | (d) histories |
| 5. | (a) destruction | (b) destroys | (c) destroying | (d) destroy |
| 6. | (a) trade | (b) trader | (c) trades | (d) traded |
| 7. | (a) worth | (b) worthy | (c) worthless | (d) worthwhile |
| 8. | (a) spin | (b) U-turn | (c) turn | (d) rotate |
| 9. | (a) spends | (b) spending | (c) spend | (d) spent |
| 10. | (a) his | (b) their | (c) my | (d) our |
| 11. | (a) losers | (b) losing | (c) lose | (d) loose |
| 12. | (a) addictive | (b) addict | (c) addicted | (d) addiction |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a day edrignoaz by the United Nations
2. the gsrndeaa of drug abuse
3. chosen for htloaisrci reasons
4. a Chinese fciiioa
5. undermine our ssiceiote
6. a major enaecllgh for the international community

Paragraph 2

7. owrth US\$500 billion a year
8. Drugs can dsrtoey families
9. seveeunr from drugs
10. the drug dealers that lpgaeu our streets
11. drug angsg
12. 200 million people worldwide are tdeiddac to drugs

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the opium trade in Guangdong, China, just before the Opium War started. Former UN Secretary-General Kofi Anan said:
- () chosen for historical reasons. It was on this day that a Chinese official of the Qing dynasty, Lin Zexu, dismantled
- () a year. It leads to considerable problems in most societies around the world. Drugs can destroy
- () added the drug trade "remains a major challenge for the international community".
- () problem in schools. The UN says nearly 200 million people worldwide are addicted to drugs.
- () families, communities and lives and make people turn to crime. The revenues from drugs help tyrants stay in
- () "Illicit drugs destroy innumerable individual lives and undermine our societies." He
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- () traffickers, and the drug dealers that plague our streets. Many countries seem to be fighting a losing
- () United Nations to raise awareness of the dangers of drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. It started in 1988 and has got
- () battle against the drug gangs. Younger and younger people are using drugs. They are now a huge
- () The United Nations estimates the annual illegal drug trade is worth US\$500 billion
- () bigger each year. This seems necessary as the trade in illegal drugs is increasing greatly. The 26th of June was
- () power and finance terrorist groups. Billions of dollars a year are spent on trying to catch international drug

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. day by United a organized the Nations

2. abuse drug of dangers the of awareness raise

3. increasing trade illegal is the in drugs

4. War Opium the before just started

5. trade a challenge drug remains major the

6. problems to It considerable leads

7. power in stay tyrants help drugs from revenues

8. to trying traffickers drug international catch

9. fighting gangs drug the against battle losing a

10. people drugs to addicted are worldwide

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 DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING SURVEY

Write five questions about Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 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 Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. 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 Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. 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.