FATHER’S DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIP'T

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world to say thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: “A father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.” Many of us perhaps think our father is even more important. There is no age limit for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is no universal date when every country celebrates Father’s Day. In many countries it is on the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a special dinner. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed before the ‘s’. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was placed after the ‘s’, we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father’s Day historians believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church one Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother’s Day. She decided it was only fair to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took off very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent official Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become extremely commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father’s Day stuff, it is almost impossible to forget when the day is.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. celebrated all
2. There is no age
3. There is no universal
4. it is on the third
5. The apostrophe is placed
6. honouring all the

Paragraph 2

1. historians believe the day
2. it was only
3. The idea took off
4. Today it is a major
5. It has become extremely
6. it is almost impossible to forget

a. limit
b. fathers in the world
c. Sunday in June
d. around the world
e. date
f. before the ‘s’

a. holiday
b. commercialized
c. when the day is
d. started in Washington
e. fair
f. very slowly
LISTENING GAP FILL

Father's Day is celebrated ________________ to say thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: “A father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.” Many of us perhaps think our father is ________________. There is no age limit for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is ________________ when every country celebrates Father’s Day. In many countries it is on the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps ________________. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed before the ‘s’. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the ________________ after the ‘s’, we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father’s Day ________________ day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church one Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother’s Day. She decided ________________ also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The ________________ slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started ________________ Father’s Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become extremely commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father’s Day stuff, it is almost ________________ when the day is.
WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Father's Day is celebrated all _________ the world to say thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: “A father is _________ than a hundred schoolmasters.” Many of us perhaps think our father is _________ more important. There is no age _________ for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is no universal _________ when every country celebrates Father’s Day. In many countries it is on the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a _________ dinner. The day has a special punctuation _________ . The apostrophe is placed before the ‘s’. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was _________ after the ‘s’, we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father’s Day _________ believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was _________ in church one Sunday in 1909, _________ to a sermon on Mother’s Day. She decided it was only _________ to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took off very _________ . U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent _________ Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become _________ commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father’s Day stuff, it is almost impossible to _________ when the day is.
CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world to say thanks / thank you to dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: “A father is many / more than a hundred schoolmasters.” Many of us perhaps think our father is even more important. There is no old / age limit for the person saying thank you, or / nor for the dad. There is no universal date when every country celebrates Father’s Day. In many countries it is on / in the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a special / specially dinner. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed / place before the ‘s’. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was placed after / before the ‘s’, we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father's Day historians / historical believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church one / on Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother’s Day. She decided it was only fare / fair to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she arranged a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took off / on very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent officially / official Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become extreme / extremely commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father’s Day staff / stuff, it is almost impossible to forget when the day is / was.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

Father's Day is celebrated all around the world to say thank you (1) ____ dads. An old English proverb tells how important fathers are. It says: "A father is (2) ____ than a hundred schoolmasters." Many of us perhaps think our father is even more important. There is no (3) ____ limit for the person saying thank you, nor for the dad. There is no universal date when every country celebrates Father's Day. In many countries it is (4) ____ the third Sunday in June. Most fathers receive presents and cards and perhaps even a special (5) _____. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed before the 's’. This means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the apostrophe was placed (6) ____ the ‘s’, we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

Father's Day (7) ____ believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting in church (8) ____ Sunday in 1909, listening to a sermon on Mother’s Day. She decided it was only fair to also have a day for fathers. In 1910, she (9) ____ a special church service to say thank you for own father. The idea took off very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon in 1972, supported the idea. Nixon started the permanent (10) ____ Father's Day in June, 1972. Today it is a major holiday. It has become (11) ____ commercialized, which is good and bad. The shops are so full of Father's Day (12) _____, it is almost impossible to forget when the day is.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) for (b) to (c) so (d) with
2. (a) most (b) more (c) many (d) much
3. (a) age (b) old (c) young (d) youth
4. (a) in (b) at (c) on (d) to
5. (a) diner (b) dining (c) dinners (d) dinner
6. (a) on (b) after (c) below (d) before
7. (a) historians (b) historical (c) history (d) hysterical
8. (a) on (b) a (c) one (d) in
9. (a) arrangement (b) arranges (c) arranging (d) arranged
10. (a) officially (b) officialdom (c) official (d) officials
11. (a) extremely (b) extremity (c) extreme (d) extremes
12. (a) stuff (b) stiff (c) staffs (d) staff
SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

**Paragraph 1**

1. radecetelb all around the world
2. There is no age tiiml
3. There is no auevilnsr date
4. Most fathers ierecvve presents
5. The day has a sicelpa punctuation point
6. ornuoinhg all the fathers in the world

**Paragraph 2**

7. historians evbleei the day started in Washington
8. she deaganrr a special church service
9. supdpvroe the idea
10. Today it is a rmoja holiday
11. It has become erymeextl commercialized
12. full of Father’s Day ffuts
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Father’s Day historians believe the day started in Washington state in the USA. A lady called Sonora Dodd was sitting receive presents and cards and perhaps even a special dinner. The day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is placed after the ‘s’, we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

The idea took off very slowly. U.S. Presidents. from Calvin Coolidge in 1926 to Richard Nixon apostrophe was placed after the ‘s’, we would be honouring all the fathers in the world.

If the apostrophe was placed before the ‘s’, this means we all think about our own father. Of course, if the day has a special punctuation point. The apostrophe is
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. all celebrated is Day Father’s world the around

2. is limit no There age

3. the on is it June in Sunday third

4. day punctuation has point a The special

5. the in world all fathers the honouring

6. day in historians the started Washington believe

7. also have a day for fathers it was only fair to

8. idea The slowly very off took

9. commercialized become It extremely has

10. Father’s are Day so stuff full The of shops
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 FATHER’S DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Father’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 Father’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.