# Parents’ Day

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

Everyone knows Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, but not many people know about Parents’ Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton signed a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents’ Day is for “recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children”. The day came about because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to promote responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on this day. One important theme is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a rise in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility any of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most powerful human bond. Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility of every parent to uphold their duty of raising their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most popular activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible decision to make because there are so many truly wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent’s Day, your parents and children know exactly how special and important they are.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. not many people know  
a. rearing of children
2. the fourth  
b. two-parent family
3. the role of parents in the  
c. in social problems
4. a day to promote  
d. about Parents’ Day
5. strengthen the idea of the traditional,  
e. Sunday of July
6. leading to a rise  
f. responsible parenting

Paragraph 2

1. the most important responsibility  
a. life-long endeavour
2. the most powerful human  
b. decision
3. being a parent brings countless  
c. bond
4. Being a parent can be an almost  
d. any of us can have
5. It is an almost impossible  
e. parents and children know
6. make sure your  
f. joys and happiness
LISTENING GAP FILL

Everyone knows Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, ________________
know about Parents’ Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill
Clinton signed a law ________________ Sunday of July a day we
can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents’ Day is for
"recognizing, uplifting, and ________________ of parents in the
rearing of children". The day came about because of campaigning by
religious leaders. They decided it was ________________ a day to
promote responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their
children on this day. One important theme ________________ idea
of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in
one-parent families is ________________ in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility ________________.
The parent-child relationship ________________ human bond.
Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It
becomes ________________ parent to uphold their duty of raising
their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be
_______________ endeavour. One of the most popular activities in
many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost
impossible decision to make because there ________________
wondeful parents. Make sure that on this Parent’s Day, your
parents and children know ________________ and important they are.
Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Everyone knows Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, but not ________ people know about Parents’ Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton ________ a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate ________ of our parents. The law says Parents’ Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the ________ of parents in the rearing of children". The day came ________ because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to ________ responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on this day. One important ________ is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a ________ in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility ________ of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most powerful human ________. Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It becomes the ________ of every parent to uphold their duty of raising their God-given ________ with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an ________ life-long endeavour. One of the most ________ activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible ________ to make because there are so many truly wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent’s Day, your parents and children know ________ how special and important they are.
C HOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Everyone knows Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, but not *much / many* people know about Parents’ Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton *signed / signing* a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents’ Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the *roll / role* of parents in the rearing of children". The day came about because of campaigning *by / up* religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to *promote / promotion* responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on *these / this* day. One important *theme / them* is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a *rise / arise* in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility any of *we / us* can have. The parent-child relationship is the most *powerful / power* human bond. Becoming and being a parent brings *countable / countless* joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility of every parent to uphold their duty of *raising / rising* their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most *popularity / popular* activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible *deciding / decision* to make because there are so many *true / truly* wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent’s Day, your parents and children know *exactly / exact* how special and important they are.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

Everyone knows Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, but not (1) ____ people know about Parents’ Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton signed a law that (2) ____ the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents’ Day is for “recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the (3) ____ of parents in the rearing of children”. The day (4) ____ about because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to promote responsible (5) _____. Parents must also celebrate their children on this day. One important theme is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a (6) ____ in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility (7) ____ of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most powerful human bond. Becoming and being a parent (8) ____ countless joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility of every parent to uphold their duty of (9) ____ their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most (10) ____ activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible decision to make because there are so many (11) ____ wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent’s Day, your parents and children know (12) ____ how special and important they are.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) much (b) many (c) more (d) some
2. (a) made (b) did (c) took (d) gave
3. (a) roll (b) role (c) rolls (d) role model
4. (a) took (b) did (c) made (d) came
5. (a) parent (b) parental (c) parentage (d) parenting
6. (a) increase (b) up (c) rise (d) raise
7. (a) few (b) any (c) little (d) none
8. (a) takes (b) goes (c) brings (d) comes
9. (a) rising (b) bringing (c) raising (d) breeding
10. (a) popularity (b) polar (c) popularize (d) popular
11. (a) truly (b) truth (c) truths (d) truthfully
12. (a) exactly (b) exact (c) exactness (d) exacted
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. This rdeastt in July 1994
2. tuisorppgn the role of parents
3. campaigning by religious Idasere
4. a day to tmepoor responsible parenting
5. One important eetmh
6. leading to a rise in sacoli problems

Paragraph 2

7. the most aitntormp responsibility
8. the most powerful ahmun bond
9. the duty of every arpetn
10. the most riapoup activities
11. so many yrult wonderful parents
12. parents and children know cexatly
Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) both of our parents. The law says Parents’ Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role

( 1 ) Everyone knows Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, but not many people know about Parents’ Day. This started

( ) it was important to have a day to promote responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on this

( ) powerful human bond. Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility

( ) be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most popular activities in many communities is to honor

( ) say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a rise in social problems.

( ) of every parent to uphold their duty of raising their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can

( ) day. One important theme is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners

( ) Parenthood is the most important responsibility any of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most

( ) and children know exactly how special and important they are.

( ) of parents in the rearing of children". The day came about because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided

( ) wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent’s Day, your parents

( ) "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible decision to make because there are so many truly

( ) in July 1994. President Bill Clinton signed a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. about Day many know Parents’ Not people

2. can parents celebrate A both day of we our

3. rearing of of parents children in The the role

4. to responsible Have day promote parenting a

5. rise social Leading a in problems to

6. any The of most us important can responsibility have

7. brings parent a Being joys countless

8. activities many The popular in communities most

9. is It make to decision impossible almost an

10. are many wonderful There so truly parents
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 PARENTS’ DAY SURVEY

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

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