

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

August the 9th is International Day of the World's Indigenous People. It is a time for the world to understand the problems of indigenous peoples around the world. The day was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994. It wanted to strengthen international cooperation to help indigenous people. In particular, in the areas of culture, education, health, human rights and economic development. It also wanted to ensure their survival as many indigenous cultures were in danger of dying out. Many indigenous people today are under threat from globalization. Multicultural companies in search of profits are destroying their habitats. Their culture is being weakened as they move into cities in search of work.

An indigenous people is any ethnic group who have inhabited a geographic region for hundreds or thousands of years. One expert said an indigenous people is "a politically underprivileged group, who share a similar ethnic identity that is different to the nation in power, and who have been an ethnic entity in the locality before the present ruling nation took over power". The best-known examples of indigenous peoples are the Aborigines in Australia, the Inuit in the Arctic regions, and the Zulu in South Africa. Estimates are that there are 300 to 350 million indigenous people in the world today. This is just under six per cent of the total world population. This includes over 5,000 different people in more than 72 countries.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. understand the problems of  | a. danger of dying out |
| 2. strengthen international    | b. search of profits   |
| 3. indigenous cultures were in | c. weakened            |
| 4. under threat from           | d. indigenous peoples  |
| 5. Multicultural companies in  | e. cooperation         |
| 6. Their culture is being      | f. globalization       |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. any ethnic group who have          | a. the Aborigines in Australia   |
| 2. share a similar                    | b. of the total world population |
| 3. before the present ruling nation   | c. ethnic identity               |
| 4. examples of indigenous peoples are | d. 5,000 different people        |
| 5. This is just under six per cent    | e. took over power               |
| 6. This includes over                 | f. inhabited a geographic region |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

August the 9th is International Day of the World's Indigenous People. \_\_\_\_\_ world to understand the problems of indigenous peoples around the world. The day was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994. \_\_\_\_\_ international cooperation to help indigenous people. In particular, in the areas of culture, education, health, human rights and economic development. It also \_\_\_\_\_ their survival as many indigenous cultures were \_\_\_\_\_ out. Many indigenous people today are under threat from globalization. Multicultural companies \_\_\_\_\_ are destroying their habitats. Their culture is being weakened as they move into cities \_\_\_\_\_.

An indigenous people \_\_\_\_\_ who have inhabited a geographic region for hundreds or thousands of years. One expert said an indigenous people is "a politically underprivileged group, who share a \_\_\_\_\_ that is different to the nation in power, and who have been \_\_\_\_\_ the locality before the present ruling nation took over power". The \_\_\_\_\_ of indigenous peoples are the Aborigines in Australia, the Inuit in the Arctic regions, and the Zulu in South Africa. Estimates are that there are \_\_\_\_\_ indigenous people in the world today. This is just under six per cent of the total world population. \_\_\_\_\_ 5,000 different people in more than 72 countries.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

August the 9th is International Day of the World's Indigenous People. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the world to understand the problems of indigenous peoples around the world. The day was \_\_\_\_\_ by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994. It wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ international cooperation to help indigenous people. In \_\_\_\_\_, in the areas of culture, education, health, human rights and economic development. It also wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ their survival as many indigenous cultures were in danger of \_\_\_\_\_ out. Many indigenous people today are under threat from globalization. Multicultural companies in \_\_\_\_\_ of profits are destroying their habitats. Their culture is being weakened as they move into cities in \_\_\_\_\_ of work.

*ensure*  
*strengthen*  
*time*  
*search*  
*created*  
*dying*  
*search*  
*particular*

An indigenous people is any ethnic \_\_\_\_\_ who have inhabited a geographic region for hundreds or thousands of years. One \_\_\_\_\_ said an indigenous people is "a politically underprivileged group, who share a \_\_\_\_\_ ethnic identity that is different to the nation in power, and who have been an \_\_\_\_\_ entity in the locality before the present ruling nation took over \_\_\_\_\_ ". The best-known examples of indigenous peoples are the Aborigines in Australia, the Inuit in the Arctic \_\_\_\_\_, and the Zulu in South Africa. Estimates are that there are 300 to 350 million indigenous people in the world today. This is just under six per cent of the \_\_\_\_\_ world population. This \_\_\_\_\_ over 5,000 different people in more than 72 countries.

*power*  
*similar*  
*includes*  
*group*  
*regions*  
*total*  
*expert*  
*ethnic*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

August the 9th is International Day of the World's Indigenous People. It is a *time / timing* for the world to understand the problems of indigenous peoples around the world. The day was *creation / created* by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994. It wanted to *strengthen / strong* international cooperation to help indigenous people. In particular, in the areas of *cultural / culture*, education, health, human rights and economic development. It also wanted to *ensure / insure* their survival as many indigenous cultures were in danger of dying *up / out*. Many indigenous people today are under threat from globalization. Multicultural companies *in / on* search of profits are destroying their habitats. Their culture is being weakened as they move into cities in search *on / of* work.

An indigenous people is any ethnic group who have *habitat / inhabited* a geographic *region / regional* for hundreds or thousands of years. One expert said an indigenous people is "a politically underprivileged group, who share a *same / similar* ethnic identity that is different to the nation in power, and who have been an ethnic *entity / entry* in the locality before the present ruling nation *taken / took* over power". The best-known examples of indigenous peoples are the Aborigines in Australia, the Inuit in the Arctic *regions / regional*, and the Zulu in South Africa. Estimates are that there are 300 to 350 million indigenous people in the *world / globe* today. This is just under six per cent of the total world population. This *including / includes* over 5,000 different people in more than 72 countries.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

August the 9th is International Day of the World's Indigenous People. It is a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for the world to understand the problems of indigenous peoples around the world. The day was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994. It wanted to strengthen international cooperation to help indigenous people. In (3) \_\_\_\_\_, in the areas of culture, education, health, human rights and economic development. It also wanted to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ their survival as many indigenous cultures were in danger of dying (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Many indigenous people today are under threat from globalization. Multicultural companies in search (6) \_\_\_\_\_ profits are destroying their habitats. Their culture is being weakened as they move into cities in search of work.

An indigenous people is any ethnic group who have (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a geographic region for hundreds or thousands of years. One expert said an indigenous people is "a politically underprivileged group, who (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a similar ethnic identity that is different to the nation in power, and who have been an ethnic entity in the locality before the present ruling nation took (9) \_\_\_\_\_ power". The best-known examples of indigenous peoples are the Aborigines in Australia, the Inuit in the Arctic (10) \_\_\_\_\_, and the Zulu in South Africa. Estimates are that there are 300 to 350 million indigenous people in the world today. This is just (11) \_\_\_\_\_ six per cent of the total world population. This (12) \_\_\_\_\_ over 5,000 different people in more than 72 countries.

### Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |                |                 |                |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) time      | (b) timing     | (c) timely      | (d) timed      |
| 2.  | (a) creation  | (b) created    | (c) creative    | (d) creates    |
| 3.  | (a) peculiar  | (b) particles  | (c) participate | (d) particular |
| 4.  | (a) insure    | (b) unsure     | (c) ensure      | (d) sure       |
| 5.  | (a) up        | (b) out        | (c) on          | (d) in         |
| 6.  | (a) of        | (b) by         | (c) with        | (d) on         |
| 7.  | (a) habitat   | (b) habitation | (c) inhabited   | (d) habits     |
| 8.  | (a) share     | (b) shares     | (c) sharing     | (d) sharer     |
| 9.  | (a) above     | (b) on top     | (c) rise        | (d) over       |
| 10. | (a) regional  | (b) regions    | (c) region      | (d) regionally |
| 11. | (a) beneath   | (b) down       | (c) under       | (d) falling    |
| 12. | (a) inclusive | (b) include    | (c) including   | (d) includes   |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. the bpmsorel of indigenous peoples
2. nhsreegtnt international cooperation
3. ceoinomc development
4. ensure their avilusvr
5. in danger of ygind out
6. Their culture is being wdneeeak

### Paragraph 2

7. any netcih group
8. geographic geroni
9. the nation in pwreo
10. the Arctic eniogrs
11. the total world tpoaiulnp
12. This csldeinu over 5,000 different people

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) identity that is different to the nation in power, and who have been an ethnic entity in the
- ( ) of years. One expert said an indigenous people is "a politically underprivileged group, who share a similar ethnic
- ( ) are that there are 300 to 350 million indigenous people in the world today. This is just under six per
- ( **1** ) August the 9th is International Day of the World's Indigenous People. It is a time for the world to understand
- ( ) threat from globalization. Multicultural companies in search of profits are destroying their
- ( ) peoples are the Aborigines in Australia, the Inuit in the Arctic regions, and the Zulu in South Africa. Estimates
- ( ) the problems of indigenous peoples around the world. The day was created by the United Nations General Assembly in
- ( ) locality before the present ruling nation took over power". The best-known examples of indigenous
- ( ) survival as many indigenous cultures were in danger of dying out. Many indigenous people today are under
- ( ) habitats. Their culture is being weakened as they move into cities in search of work.
- ( ) cent of the total world population. This includes over 5,000 different people in more than 72 countries.
- ( ) An indigenous people is any ethnic group who have inhabited a geographic region for hundreds or thousands
- ( ) of culture, education, health, human rights and economic development. It also wanted to ensure their
- ( ) 1994. It wanted to strengthen international cooperation to help indigenous people. In particular, in the areas

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. the understand is for to It time world a.

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2. day United was Nations created by The the.

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3. to indigenous cooperation help people International.

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4. danger Indigenous of cultures dying were out in.

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5. move of into work cities in They search.

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6. a Share identity ethnic similar.

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7. examples The of best indigenous - peoples known.

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8. indigenous 300 people to 350 There million are.

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9. of the total world population Just under six per cent.

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10. countries 72 than more in people different 5,000 Over.

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE SURVEY

Write five questions about World's Indigenous People 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 International Day of the World's Indigenous People. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about International Day of the World's Indigenous People. 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 International Day of the World's Indigenous People. 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.