

INTERNATIONAL BEER DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

International Beer Day is a celebration of one of the world's best-loved drinks. People in almost every country drink beer. Many beer-drinking countries say their country's beer is the best. The International Beer Day website says the day "was created so that all of humanity could be united every August 5th, in celebration of beer!" The site encourages people to have a "beertastic" holiday. It suggests several ways of doing this, including giving beer as a gift. The first International Beer Day was celebrated in 2007. It is a newcomer on the holiday calendar but looks set to stay. The day's creators said they wanted something different from the Munich Beer Festival, or Oktoberfest, which was for Germans. They wanted a worldwide event.

Beer is the world's oldest alcoholic drink. It is actually the third most popular drink, after water and tea. It is brewed from cereals like barley and wheat. Most beers are made in the same way around the world. There are two main types —lager beer and the darker ale. Beer is an important part of socializing. People often say it is a "social lubricant". Many young people are drinking beer today and this is leading to problems in society. There are health problems of drinking too much beer. Beer is also blamed for yobbish behavior. In Britain, youngsters who disturb the peace when drunk are called "lager louts". For most of the world's beer drinkers though, nothing can beat having a few beers with friends.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. one of the world's best- | a. as a gift |
| 2. People in almost every | b. be united |
| 3. all of humanity could | c. holiday calendar |
| 4. giving beer | d. loved drinks |
| 5. a newcomer on the | e. something different |
| 6. they wanted | f. country drink beer |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Beer is the world's oldest | a. of socializing |
| 2. It is brewed from cereals | b. yobbish behavior |
| 3. Beer is an important part | c. alcoholic drink |
| 4. this is leading to | d. having a few beers |
| 5. Beer is also blamed for | e. like barley and wheat |
| 6. nothing can beat | f. problems in society |

LISTENING GAP FILL

International Beer Day is a celebration _____ best-loved drinks. People in almost every country drink beer. Many beer-drinking countries say their country's _____. The International Beer Day website says the day "was created so that all of humanity _____ every August 5th, in celebration of beer!" The site encourages people to have a "beertastic" holiday. It suggests several ways of doing this, including _____ gift. The first International Beer Day was celebrated in 2007. It is a newcomer on the holiday calendar _____ stay. The day's creators said they wanted something different from the Munich Beer Festival, or Oktoberfest, _____ Germans. They wanted a worldwide event.

Beer is the world's oldest alcoholic drink. It is _____ most popular drink, after water and tea. It is brewed from cereals like barley and wheat. Most beers _____ same way around the world. There are two main types — lager beer and the darker ale. Beer is an important part of socializing. People _____ "_____". Many young people are drinking beer today and this is leading to problems in society. There are health problems of drinking too much beer. Beer is _____ yobbish behavior. In Britain, youngsters who disturb the peace when drunk are called "lager louts". For most of the world's beer drinkers though, _____ having a few beers with friends.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

International Beer Day is a _____ of one of the world's best-loved drinks. People in almost every country drink beer. Many beer-drinking countries say their country's beer is the _____. The International Beer Day website says the day "was created so that all of humanity could be _____ every August 5th, in celebration of beer!" The site _____ people to have a "beertastic" holiday. It _____ several ways of doing this, including giving beer as a gift. The first International Beer Day was celebrated in 2007. It is a _____ on the holiday calendar but looks set to stay. The day's creators said they wanted something _____ from the Munich Beer Festival, or Oktoberfest, which was for Germans. They wanted a worldwide _____.

*suggests**best**event**encourages**celebration**different**newcomer**united*

Beer is the world's oldest alcoholic drink. It is _____ the third most popular drink, after water and tea. It is _____ from cereals like barley and wheat. Most beers are made in the same way around the world. There are two main _____ — lager beer and the darker ale. Beer is an important part of _____. People often say it is a "social lubricant". Many young people are drinking beer today and this is _____ to problems in society. There are health problems of drinking too much beer. Beer is also _____ for yobbish behavior. In Britain, youngsters who _____ the peace when drunk are called "lager louts". For most of the world's beer drinkers though, nothing can _____ having a few beers with friends.

*leading**brewed**disturb**actually**socializing**beat**types**blamed*

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

International Beer Day _____ one of the world's best-loved drinks. People in almost every country drink beer. Many beer-drinking countries say their _____ the best. The International Beer Day website says the day "was created so that all of humanity could _____ August 5th, in celebration of beer!" The site encourages people to have a "beertastic" holiday. It suggests several _____, including giving beer as a gift. The first International Beer Day was celebrated in 2007. It is a newcomer on the holiday calendar but _____. The day's creators said they wanted something different from the Munich Beer Festival, or Oktoberfest, _____ Germans. They wanted a worldwide event.

Beer is the world's oldest alcoholic drink. It _____ third most popular drink, after water and tea. It is brewed from cereals like barley and wheat. Most beers are made _____ around the world. There are two main types —lager beer and the darker ale. Beer is _____ of socializing. People often say it is a "social lubricant". Many young people are drinking beer today and this _____ problems in society. There are health problems of drinking too much beer. Beer is also blamed for yobbish behavior. In Britain, youngsters who disturb the _____ are called "lager louts". For most of the world's beer drinkers though, nothing can _____ beers with friends.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

International Beer Day is a celebration of one of the (1) _____ best-loved drinks. People in almost every country drink beer. Many beer-drinking countries say their country's beer is (2) _____ best. The International Beer Day website says the day "was created so that all of (3) _____ could be united every August 5th, in celebration of beer!" The site encourages people to have a "beertastic" holiday. It (4) _____ several ways of doing this, including giving beer as a gift. The first International Beer Day was celebrated in 2007. It is a newcomer (5) _____ the holiday calendar but looks set to stay. The day's creators said they wanted something different from the Munich Beer Festival, or Oktoberfest, which was for Germans. They wanted a worldwide (6) _____.

Beer is the world's oldest (7) _____ drink. It is actually the third most popular drink, after water and tea. It is brewed from cereals (8) _____ barley and wheat. Most beers are made in the same way around the world. There are two main (9) _____ — lager beer and the darker ale. Beer is an important part of socializing. People often say it is a "(10) _____ lubricant". Many young people are drinking beer today and this is leading to problems in society. There are health problems (11) _____ drinking too much beer. Beer is also blamed for yobbish behavior. In Britain, youngsters who disturb the peace when drunk are called "lager louts". For most of the world's beer drinkers though, nothing can (12) _____ having a few beers with friends.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) worlds | (b) worlds' | (c) world's | (d) worldly |
| 2. | (a) the | (b) one | (c) a | (d) some |
| 3. | (a) human | (b) humanly | (c) humane | (d) humanity |
| 4. | (a) suggest | (b) suggests | (c) suggested | (d) suggestion |
| 5. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) by | (d) with |
| 6. | (a) events | (b) eventful | (c) event | (d) eventual |
| 7. | (a) alcohol | (b) alcoholism | (c) alcohols | (d) alcoholic |
| 8. | (a) likely | (b) likeable | (c) like | (d) likes |
| 9. | (a) typing | (b) types | (c) type | (d) typed |
| 10. | (a) socially | (b) socialize | (c) socials | (d) social |
| 11. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) on |
| 12. | (a) beats | (b) beat | (c) beaten | (d) beater |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the world's best-elvdo drinks
2. all of aynihutm
3. vesearl ways of doing this
4. a cwmeorne on the holiday calendar
5. The day's scaetorr
6. a orlwiewdd event

Paragraph 2

7. the third most ppulrao drink
8. It is bdreew from cereals
9. There are two main tpeys
10. scaiol lubricant
11. ailgedn to problems in society
12. youngsters who rudtbis the peace

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () for yobbish behavior. In Britain, youngsters who disturb the peace when drunk are called "lager louts". For
- () website says the day "was created so that all of humanity could be united every August 5th, in celebration
- () Beer is the world's oldest alcoholic drink. It is actually the third most popular drink, after water
- () most of the world's beer drinkers though, nothing can beat having a few beers with friends.
- (**1**) International Beer Day is a celebration of one of the world's best-loved drinks. People in almost every
- () way around the world. There are two main types —lager beer and the darker ale. Beer is an important part
- () to problems in society. There are health problems of drinking too much beer. Beer is also blamed
- () on the holiday calendar but looks set to stay. The day's creators said they wanted something different from the
- () Munich Beer Festival, or Oktoberfest, which was for Germans. They wanted a worldwide event.
- () and tea. It is brewed from cereals like barley and wheat. Most beers are made in the same
- () country drink beer. Many beer-drinking countries say their country's beer is the best. The International Beer Day
- () of beer!" The site encourages people to have a "beertastic" holiday. It suggests several ways of doing
- () this, including giving beer as a gift. The first International Beer Day was celebrated in 2007. It is a newcomer
- () of socializing. People often say it is a "social lubricant". Many young people are drinking beer today and this is leading

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. world's best One - of loved the drinks.

2. People beer drink country every almost in.

3. Created all could that humanity united so of be.

4. on It the is holiday a calendar newcomer.

5. different said they The wanted day's something creators.

6. popular actually drink the third It most is.

7. brewed is It barley like cereals from.

8. a often social say lubricant it is People.

9. problems of There drinking are too health much.

10. beat can Nothing beers few a having.

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 INTERNATIONAL BEER DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about International Beer 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 International Beer 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.