HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIP'T

Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 states initially agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the vast majority of countries accept it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all act on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles are fully applied everywhere, for everyone."

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are various international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all dealing with human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is sad that we still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades pass. There are still too many countries that do not respect even the most basic of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice one’s own religion, and the right to education.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. one of the most
   a. rights

2. 48 states initially
   b. important events

3. the vast majority of
   c. applied

4. our collective
   d. agreed to the Declaration

5. uphold the
   e. responsibility

6. its principles are fully
   f. countries accept it

Paragraph 2

1. cultural
   a. the world smaller

2. as the decades
   b. own religion

3. the most basic
   c. education

4. globalization makes
   d. events

5. practice one’s
   e. of rights

6. the right to
   f. pass
LISTENING GAP FILL

Human Rights Day ________________ important events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the 10th of December every year. ________________ in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 ________________ to the Declaration. Of course, ________________ countries accept it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that ________________ our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document ________________ fully applied everywhere, for everyone."

The ________________ at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are various international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions ________________ human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. ________________ still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades pass. There are still too many countries that do not respect even ________________ rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much ________________ to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice ________________, and the right to education.
WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations ___________. It takes place on the 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. ____________ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 states ____________ agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the ____________ majority of countries ____________ it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all ____________ on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only ____________ the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles are ____________ applied everywhere, for everyone."

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are ____________ international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all dealing with human rights ____________. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is ____________ that we still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades ____________.

There are still too many countries that do not respect ____________ the most basic of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world ____________, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much work to be ____________ to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice one’s ____________ religion, and the right to education.
Choose the correct word
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Human Rights Day is one of the most importance / important events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the 10th of December every / all year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 states initially / initials agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the vastness / vast majority of countries except / accept it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all action / act on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the towering / tower vision of that inspiring document when its principles are full / fully applied everywhere, for everyone."

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are various / variety international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all dealt / dealing with human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is sad / sadly that we still need this day. It actually / actual seems we need it more as the decades past / pass. There are still too many countries that do not respect even the most basically / basic of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting huger / bigger. There is still so much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom of thought, to practice ones / one’s own religion, and the right to education.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations calendar. It (1) ____ place on the 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only 48 (2) ____ initially agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the (3) ____ majority of countries accept it today. The High Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my (4) ____ that we will all act on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights (5) ____ in the Universal Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles are fully (6) ____ everywhere, for everyone."

The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are (7) ____ international conferences, meetings, cultural events and exhibitions all (8) ____ with human rights issues. There is a different theme each year on Human Rights Day. It is sad that we still need this day. It (9) ____ seems we need it more as the decades (10) ____ . There are still too many countries that do not respect (11) ____ the most basic of rights, including the right to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom (12) ____ thought, to practice one’s own religion, and the right to education.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) taking (b) taken (c) takes (d) took
2. (a) stated (b) states (c) stating (d) statues
3. (a) vast (b) mast (c) last (d) cast
4. (a) hoping (b) hoped (c) hopes (d) hope
5. (a) shrines (b) shrinks (c) enshrined (d) shining
6. (a) apply (b) applies (c) applied (d) application
7. (a) various (b) variety (c) vary (d) varieties
8. (a) sealing (b) dealing (c) healing (d) pealing
9. (a) actuality (b) actual (c) actualize (d) actually
10. (a) past (b) pass (c) parse (d) pasts
11. (a) even (b) never (c) ever (d) evens
12. (a) by (b) at (c) on (d) of
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. important etvsen
2. dctaree the Universal Declaration
3. the vast raiyomj
4. dhulop the rights
5. the towering sivoin
6. principles are uflyl applied

Paragraph 2

7. The cusfo of the day
8. lularuct events
9. a different ehmte each year
10. as the dceadse pass
11. the right to meerdfop
12. practice one’s own oiegrlin
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PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER
Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) pass. There are still too many countries that do not respect even the most basic of rights, including the right

( ) 10th of December every year. It was on this day in 1948 that the U.N. created the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Only

( ) year on Human Rights Day. It is sad that we still need this day. It actually seems we need it more as the decades

( ) are fully applied everywhere, for everyone."

( ) 48 states initially agreed to the Declaration. Of course, the vast majority of countries accept it today. The High

( ) The focus of the day is at the U.N. headquarters in New York City. There are various international conferences, meetings,

( 1 ) Human Rights Day is one of the most important events on the United Nations calendar. It takes place on the

( ) much work to be done to guarantee the right to freedom of

( ) Commissioner for Human Rights described the importance of this day: "On Human Rights Day, it is my hope that we will all

( ) Declaration. We can only honour the towering vision of that inspiring document when its principles

( ) cultural events and exhibitions all dealing with human rights issues. There is a different theme each

( ) act on our collective responsibility to uphold the rights enshrined in the Universal

( ) thought, to practice one’s own religion, and the right to education.

( ) to life. As globalization makes the world smaller, problems are getting bigger. There is still so
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Nations United the on events important calendar.

2. of countries the accept vast it majority today.

3. our will collective all responsibility act on we.

4. rights Declaration enshrined in uphold the the Universal.

5. inspiring that of vision towering the document.

6. of . at focus is The day U.N. the headquarters the.

7. dealing all exhibitions issues rights human with.

8. sad still day is we this It that need.

9. the even respect rights of basic most.

10. work done is much be There so to still.
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 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Human Rights 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 Human Rights 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.