

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Down Syndrome Day is on March the 21st every year. It is on this day because the number 21 is important in the identification of Down Syndrome. The condition is created by a 21st, extra chromosome being replicated three times, thus causing the condition. The day is organized by Down Syndrome International (DSI), which runs different annual campaigns. DSI aims to create global awareness about Down Syndrome and encourage countries to help sufferers play a bigger role in their societies. DSI says sufferers are able to make significant contributions to society. Down Syndrome is common throughout the world. Estimates are that the incidence of the condition is over 1 per 1,000 births.

Down Syndrome is a disorder of the chromosomes. Most people have 20 chromosomes, but the presence of an extra 21st chromosome creates the disorder. It is named after the British doctor, John Langdon Down, who first described the syndrome in 1866. Sufferers experience a limitation in their cognitive ability and physical growth, as well as changes in their facial appearance. People with Down Syndrome range from having slight developmental disabilities to very serious mental disability. Down Syndrome also increases the risk of heart defects, kidney disease and insomnia. Nowadays, loving care and good education can provide sufferers with a good quality of life and enable them to make valuable contributions to their fields of work.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. the identification | a. about Down Syndrome |
| 2. ... created by a 21st, extra chromosome | b. contributions to society |
| 3. DSI aims to create global awareness | c. of Down Syndrome |
| 4. help sufferers play | d. 1 per 1,000 births |
| 5. sufferers are able to make significant | e. being replicated |
| 6. the incidence of the condition is over | f. a bigger role in their societies |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Down Syndrome is a disorder of | a. their cognitive ability |
| 2. an extra 21st chromosome | b. their facial appearance |
| 3. Sufferers experience a limitation in | c. mental disability |
| 4. ...as well as changes in | d. the chromosomes |
| 5. very serious | e. their fields of work |
| 6. make valuable contributions to | f. creates the disorder |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Down Syndrome Day is on March the 21st every year. It is on _____ number 21 is important in the identification of Down Syndrome. The condition is _____, extra chromosome being replicated three times, thus causing the condition. The day is organized by Down Syndrome International (DSI), which _____ campaigns. DSI aims to create global awareness about Down Syndrome and encourage countries to help _____ bigger role in their societies. DSI says sufferers are able to make significant contributions to society. Down Syndrome is common throughout the world. Estimates are that the incidence of the condition _____ births.

Down Syndrome _____ chromosomes. Most people have 20 chromosomes, but the _____ 21st chromosome creates the disorder. It is named after the British doctor, John Langdon Down, _____ the syndrome in 1866. Sufferers experience a limitation in their cognitive ability and physical growth, as well as changes in their _____. People with Down Syndrome range from having slight developmental disabilities to _____ disability. Down Syndrome also increases the risk of heart defects, kidney disease and insomnia. Nowadays, loving care and good education can provide sufferers with a good quality of life and enable them to make valuable contributions _____.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

World Down Syndrome Day is on March the 21st every year. It is on this day because the _____ 21 is important in the identification of Down Syndrome. The _____ is created by a 21st, extra chromosome being _____ three times, thus causing the condition. The day is organized by Down Syndrome International (DSI), which _____ different annual campaigns. DSI aims to create _____ awareness about Down Syndrome and encourage countries to help _____ play a bigger role in their societies. DSI says sufferers are able to _____ significant contributions to society. Down Syndrome is common throughout the world. Estimates are that the incidence of the condition is over 1 per 1,000 _____.

sufferers
replicated
births
number
runs
condition
make
global

Down Syndrome is a _____ of the chromosomes. Most people have 20 chromosomes, but the presence of an extra 21st chromosome _____ the disorder. It is named after the British doctor, John Langdon Down, who _____ described the syndrome in 1866. Sufferers experience a limitation in their cognitive ability and physical growth, as well as _____ in their facial appearance. People with Down Syndrome range from having slight developmental disabilities to very serious _____ disability. Down Syndrome also increases the risk of _____ defects, kidney disease and insomnia. Nowadays, loving _____ and good education can provide sufferers with a good quality of life and enable them to make valuable contributions to their _____ of work.

heart
mental
creates
fields
disorder
changes
care
first

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

World Down Syndrome Day is on March the 21st every year. It is *in / on* this day because the number 21 is *important / importance* in the identification of Down Syndrome. The condition is *creation / created* by a 21st, extra chromosome being replicated three times, thus causing the condition. The day is organized *by / of* Down Syndrome International (DSI), which runs different *annual / year* campaigns. DSI aims to create global awareness about Down Syndrome and encourage countries to help *sufferers / suffers* play a bigger role in their societies. DSI says sufferers are able to make significant contributions to *social / society*. Down Syndrome is common throughout the world. Estimates are that the incidence *at / of* the condition is over 1 per 1,000 births.

Down Syndrome is a disorder *to / of* the chromosomes. Most people have 20 chromosomes, but the *presents / presence* of an extra 21st chromosome creates the disorder. It is named *later / after* the British doctor, John Langdon Down, who first described the syndrome in 1866. Sufferers experience a limitation *in / out* their cognitive ability and physical *grown / growth*, as well as changes in their facial appearance. People with Down Syndrome *range / ranges* from having slight developmental disabilities to very serious mental disability. Down Syndrome also increases the *risky / risk* of heart defects, kidney disease and insomnia. Nowadays, loving care and good education can provide sufferers with a good quality of *life / alive* and enable them to make valuable contributions to their fields of work.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Down Syndrome Day is on March the 21st every year. It is on this day because the (1) _____ 21 is important in the identification of Down Syndrome. The condition is (2) _____ by a 21st, extra chromosome being replicated three times, thus (3) _____ the condition. The day is organized by Down Syndrome International (DSI), which runs different annual campaigns. DSI aims to create global (4) _____ about Down Syndrome and encourage countries to help sufferers play a bigger (5) _____ in their societies. DSI says sufferers are able to make significant contributions to society. Down Syndrome is common throughout the world. Estimates are that the (6) _____ of the condition is over 1 per 1,000 births.

Down Syndrome is a disorder of the chromosomes. Most people have 20 chromosomes, but the (7) _____ of an extra 21st chromosome creates the disorder. It is named (8) _____ the British doctor, John Langdon Down, who first described the syndrome in 1866. Sufferers experience a limitation in their cognitive (9) _____ and physical growth, as well as changes in their facial appearance. People with Down Syndrome range from having slight developmental disabilities to very serious mental (10) _____. Down Syndrome also increases the risk of heart defects, kidney disease and insomnia. Nowadays, (11) _____ care and good education can provide sufferers with a good quality of life and enable them to make valuable contributions to their fields of (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) number | (b) numerous | (c) numerals | (d) numeral |
| 2. | (a) creation | (b) creating | (c) created | (d) creates |
| 3. | (a) cause | (b) causing | (c) caused | (d) causation |
| 4. | (a) aware | (b) aware of | (c) be aware | (d) awareness |
| 5. | (a) roll | (b) roles | (c) role | (d) role of |
| 6. | (a) incidents | (b) incidence | (c) incidences | (d) incident |
| 7. | (a) presence | (b) present | (c) presents | (d) presences |
| 8. | (a) later | (b) then | (c) after | (d) next |
| 9. | (a) able | (b) abilities | (c) able-bodied | (d) ability |
| 10. | (a) disable | (b) disability | (c) disabled | (d) disabling |
| 11. | (a) loving | (b) love | (c) loved | (d) lover |
| 12. | (a) worker | (b) workers | (c) worked | (d) work |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the number 21 is ompianrtt
2. ... thus causing the oodciintn
3. different ananul campaigns
4. help rssfeuefr
5. contributions to coytise
6. itmEsaset are that...

Paragraph 2

7. a isrrodde of the chromosomes
8. aendm after the British doctor
9. their acfali appearance
10. increases the risk of heart ecfedst
11. a good iuyatlq of life
12. make buevalla contributions

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () sufferers play a bigger role in their societies. DSI says sufferers are able to make significant
- () of an extra 21st chromosome creates the disorder. It is named after the British doctor, John Langdon Down, who first
- () growth, as well as changes in their facial appearance. People with Down Syndrome range from having
- () different annual campaigns. DSI aims to create global awareness about Down Syndrome and encourage countries to help
- (**1**) World Down Syndrome Day is on March the 21st every year. It is on this day because the number 21 is
- () important in the identification of Down Syndrome. The condition is created by a 21st, extra chromosome being replicated
- () described the syndrome in 1866. Sufferers experience a limitation in their cognitive ability and physical
- () of heart defects, kidney disease and insomnia. Nowadays, loving care and good education can provide
- () Down Syndrome is a disorder of the chromosomes. Most people have 20 chromosomes, but the presence
- () three times, thus causing the condition. The day is organized by Down Syndrome International (DSI), which runs
- () sufferers with a good quality of life and enable them to make valuable contributions to their fields of work.
- () slight developmental disabilities to very serious mental disability. Down Syndrome also increases the risk
- () are that the incidence of the condition is over 1 per 1,000 births.
- () contributions to society. Down Syndrome is common throughout the world. Estimates

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. is a extra condition by , The created 21st chromosome

2. to aims DSI awareness global create

3. societies bigger help role sufferers in play their a

4. common the Down is throughout world Syndrome

5. condition incidence 1,000 per is of births 1 over the the

6. is Syndrome Down chromosomes the of disorder a

7. ability cognitive their in limitation a experience Sufferers

8. Down risk Syndrome of also heart increases defects the

9. provide life of quality good a with sufferers

10. fields their to contributions valuable make work of

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 WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Down Syndrome 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.

WRITING

Write about World Down Syndrome Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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 World Down Syndrome Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Down Syndrome 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 World Down Syndrome 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.