

PEN PAL DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

June the 1st is Pen Pal Day. I'm sure most of us have had a pen pal at one time in our lives. Many of us still have one. Today is the day to say thank you to your pen pals. It is also the day to thank your key pals too. Nowadays, most people communicate via e-mail, chat or text messaging. We type using keys, rather than write with pens. Using the latest technology, we can also have webcam pals. Times have changed since the original idea of a pen pal. Many language students have pen pals because it's a great way to practice writing in another language. There are many websites people can visit to find a pen pal. If you would like a pen pal, perhaps this is the day to start looking and make a new friend.

Being pen pals can lead to lifelong friendships. Some pen pals arrange to meet face to face and others even get married. It is a natural part of who we are to want to communicate with other people and share our hobbies, interests and facts about our life. Many of us are pen pals without even knowing it. Perhaps we all strike up a friendship with someone online and then keep in contact. It might be that the Internet will change the idea of a pen pal forever. The traditional mailing of a letter written on paper and then mailed in an envelope may soon disappear. Many traditionalists say it is more exciting to receive a real letter through the post. Before the Internet, opening and reading a letter from a pen pal was special.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. at one time | a. in another language |
| 2. most people communicate | b. a new friend |
| 3. Times have | c. via e-mail |
| 4. a great way to practice writing | d. in our lives |
| 5. websites people can visit to | e. changed |
| 6. start looking and make | f. find a pen pal |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Being pen pals can lead to | a. face to face |
| 2. arrange to meet | b. written on paper |
| 3. It is a natural part of | c. lifelong friendships |
| 4. strike up a friendship | d. was special |
| 5. The traditional mailing of a letter | e. who we are |
| 6. reading a letter from a pen pal | f. with someone online |

LISTENING GAP FILL

June the 1st is Pen Pal Day. I'm _____ had a pen pal at one time in our lives. Many of us still have one. Today is the day to say thank you to your pen pals. It is also the day _____ pals too. Nowadays, most people communicate via e-mail, chat or text messaging. We type using keys, _____ pens. Using the latest technology, we can also have webcam pals. Times have changed _____ of a pen pal. Many language students have pen pals because it's a great way to practice _____ language. There are many websites people can visit to find a pen pal. If you would like a pen pal, perhaps this is the day to start looking _____ friend.

Being pen pals _____ friendships. Some pen pals arrange to meet face to face and others even get married. It is a natural _____ to want to communicate with other people and share our hobbies, interests and facts about our life. Many of us are pen pals _____ it. Perhaps we all strike up a friendship with someone online and then keep in contact. It might be that the Internet will _____ a pen pal forever. The traditional mailing of a letter written on paper and then _____ may soon disappear. Many traditionalists say it is more exciting to receive a real letter through the post. Before the Internet, _____ letter from a pen pal was special.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

June the 1st is Pen Pal Day. I'm _____ most of us have had a pen pal at one time in our _____. Many of us still have one. Today is the day to say thank you to your pen pals. It is also the day to thank your key pals too. Nowadays, most people communicate _____ e-mail, chat or text messaging. We type using _____, rather than write with pens. Using the latest technology, we can also have webcam pals. Times have changed since the _____ idea of a pen pal. Many language students have pen pals because it's a great way to _____ writing in another language. There are many websites people can _____ to find a pen pal. If you would like a pen pal, perhaps this is the day to start looking and _____ a new friend.

Being pen pals can lead to _____ friendships. Some pen pals arrange to meet face to face and others even get _____. It is a natural part of who we are to want to communicate with other people and share our hobbies, interests and _____ about our life. Many of us are pen pals without even knowing it. Perhaps we all _____ up a friendship with someone online and then keep in contact. It might be that the Internet will change the idea of a pen pal _____. The traditional mailing of a letter written on paper and then mailed in an envelope may soon _____. Many traditionalists say it is more _____ to receive a real letter through the post. Before the Internet, _____ and reading a letter from a pen pal was special.

via
keys
visit
sure
make
practice
lives
original

strike
lifelong
disappear
facts
opening
exciting
married
forever

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

June the 1st is Pen Pal Day. I'm sure most of us have had a pen pal at one time in our *living / lives*. Many of us still have one. Today is the day to say thank you to your pen pals. It is also the day to thank your *key / keys* pals too. Nowadays, most people communicate *viva / via* e-mail, chat or text messaging. We type using keys, rather than *written / write* with pens. Using the latest technology, we can also have webcam pals. Times have changed since the *original / origin* idea of a pen pal. Many language students have pen pals because it's a great way to practice writing in *other / another* language. There are many websites people can visit to *finding / find* a pen pal. If you would like a pen pal, perhaps this is the day to start looking and *make / take* a new friend.

Being pen pals can lead to lifelong *friendships / befriended*. Some pen pals arrange to meet face to face and others even get married. It is a *natural / naturally* part of who we are to want to communicate with other people and *sharing / share* our hobbies, interests and facts about our life. Many of us are pen pals without even knowing *them / it*. Perhaps we all strike *down / up* a friendship with someone online and then keep in contact. It might be that the Internet will change the idea of a pen pal forever. The traditional mailing *by / of* a letter written on paper and then mailed in an envelope may *soonish / soon* disappear. Many traditionalists say it is more exciting to receive a real letter through the post. Before the Internet, opening and reading a letter from a pen pal was *especially / special*.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

June the 1st is Pen Pal Day. I'm sure most of (1) _____ have had a pen pal at one time in our (2) _____. Many of us still have one. Today is the day to say thank you to your pen pals. It is also the day to thank your key pals too. Nowadays, most people communicate (3) _____ e-mail, chat or text messaging. We type using keys, rather than write with pens. Using the (4) _____ technology, we can also have webcam pals. Times have changed since the original idea of a pen pal. Many language students have pen pals because it's a great way to practice writing (5) _____ another language. There are many websites people can visit to find a pen pal. If you would like a pen pal, perhaps this is the day to start (6) _____ and make a new friend.

Being pen pals can (7) _____ to lifelong friendships. Some pen pals arrange to meet face to face and others even get married. It is a natural part of who we are (8) _____ want to communicate with other people and share our hobbies, interests and facts about our life. Many of us are pen pals without even knowing (9) _____. Perhaps we all strike up a friendship with someone online and then keep in contact. It might be that the Internet will change the (10) _____ of a pen pal forever. The traditional mailing of a letter written on paper and then mailed in an envelope may (11) _____ disappear. Many traditionalists say it is more exciting to receive a real letter through the post. Before the Internet, (12) _____ and reading a letter from a pen pal was special.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) them | (b) they | (c) we | (d) us |
| 2. | (a) lively | (b) livelihood | (c) lives | (d) living |
| 3. | (a) viva | (b) via | (c) vial | (d) vibes |
| 4. | (a) late | (b) latest | (c) last | (d) lasting |
| 5. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) to |
| 6. | (a) looking | (b) looked | (c) looks | (d) look |
| 7. | (a) leader | (b) leaded | (c) lead | (d) leads |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) at | (d) to |
| 9. | (a) it | (b) them | (c) us | (d) me |
| 10. | (a) ideals | (b) idea | (c) ideally | (d) idealism |
| 11. | (a) soonish | (b) sooner | (c) soonest | (d) soon |
| 12. | (a) opener | (b) opens | (c) open | (d) opening |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. at one time in our ivles
2. chat or text saegigsmn
3. Using the seltta technology
4. Times have ahgndec
5. writing in oetnarh language
6. the day to start okionlg

Paragraph 2

7. lead to ngilleof friendships
8. hesar our hobbies
9. isterk up a friendship
10. someone nnloie
11. ildmea in an envelope
12. enongip and reading a letter

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () all strike up a friendship with someone online and then keep in contact. It might be that the Internet will
- () get married. It is a natural part of who we are to want to communicate with other people and share our
- () keys, rather than write with pens. Using the latest technology, we can also have webcam pals. Times
- () pals too. Nowadays, most people communicate via e-mail, chat or text messaging. We type using
- () have one. Today is the day to say thank you to your pen pals. It is also the day to thank your key
- () have changed since the original idea of a pen pal. Many language students have pen pals because it's a great
- () hobbies, interests and facts about our life. Many of us are pen pals without even knowing it. Perhaps we
- () Being pen pals can lead to lifelong friendships. Some pen pals arrange to meet face to face and others even
- (**1**) June the 1st is Pen Pal Day. I'm sure most of us have had a pen pal at one time in our lives. Many of us still
- () way to practice writing in another language. There are many websites people can visit to find a pen pal. If
- () you would like a pen pal, perhaps this is the day to start looking and make a new friend.
- () letter through the post. Before the Internet, opening and reading a letter from a pen pal was special.
- () change the idea of a pen pal forever. The traditional mailing of a letter written on paper and then mailed
- () in an envelope may soon disappear. Many traditionalists say it is more exciting to receive a real

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. pen sure us a I'm of had pal most have

2. e-mail communicate Nowadays via , most people

3. since original Times changed the idea have

4. practice to way great a writing

5. looking a the start make friend to and new day

6. lifelong to lead can pals pen Being friendships

7. part It of is who a we natural are

8. someone strike a with online up friendship

9. and envelope then written mailed on in paper an

10. a letter reading opening pen from a and pal

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 PEN PAL DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Pen Pal 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 Pen Pal 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.