

# INTERNATIONAL ASK A QUESTION DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

International Ask A Question Day is on March 13. Its goal is to improve our knowledge and lives by asking more and better questions. The Inquiry Institute tells us that “A question not asked is a door not opened.” The best question askers know how to open many doors, even locked ones! The QuestionDay.com website encourages us to become an “outstanding question asker”. It tells us how we can build our “curiosity muscle” to make us more successful in life by asking the right questions. Part of who we are is to ask questions and fully using the power of questions. It is one of the first things infants do when they learn to talk. Small children are outstanding at asking very difficult questions – just ask any parent! The Inquiry Institute has a list of the top twelve questions that will bring you success. These include asking yourself exactly what it is you want, and then making sure your question answers this. Another good question is “How else can I think about this?” Such a question can make you look at a situation from a different angle and give you new and better ideas and questions. There is also a question that gets you to look at a situation from the viewpoint of others: “What is the other person thinking, feeling, and wanting?” This may give you successful questions in a business deal. A follow-up question could be “How can I turn this into a win-win situation?” The final question on their list is: “What is possible?” This is a great question to ask. Ask it today.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Its goal is to improve our   | a. to make us more successful      |
| 2. A question not asked is      | b. is to ask questions             |
| 3. build our "curiosity muscle" | c. asking very difficult questions |
| 4. Part of who we are           | d. things infants do               |
| 5. It is one of the first       | e. knowledge and lives             |
| 6. children are outstanding at  | f. a door not opened               |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. twelve questions that will    | a. exactly what it is you want |
| 2. These include asking yourself | b. viewpoint of others         |
| 3. look at a situation from      | c. win situation               |
| 4. look at a situation from the  | d. question                    |
| 5. follow-up                     | e. bring you success           |
| 6. turn this into a win-         | f. a different angle           |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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**WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL****Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

International Ask A Question Day is on March 13. Its \_\_\_\_\_ is to improve our knowledge and lives by asking more and better questions. The Inquiry Institute tells us that "A question not asked is a \_\_\_\_\_ not opened." The best question askers know how to open many doors, even \_\_\_\_\_ ones! The QuestionDay.com website encourages us to become an "outstanding question \_\_\_\_\_". It tells us how we can build our "curiosity muscle" to make us more successful in life by asking the \_\_\_\_\_ questions. Part of who we are is to ask questions and \_\_\_\_\_ using the power of questions. It is one of the first things \_\_\_\_\_ do when they learn to talk. Small children are outstanding at asking very difficult questions – just ask any \_\_\_\_\_!

*fully*  
*locked*  
*right*  
*parent*  
*goal*  
*infants*  
*door*  
*asker*

The Inquiry Institute has a \_\_\_\_\_ of the top twelve questions that will bring you success. These include asking yourself \_\_\_\_\_ what it is you want, and then making sure your question \_\_\_\_\_ this. Another good question is "How else can I think about this?" Such a question can make you look at a situation from a different \_\_\_\_\_ and give you new and better ideas and questions. There is also a question that gets you to look at a situation from the \_\_\_\_\_ of others: "What is the other person thinking, feeling, and wanting?" This may give you successful questions in a business \_\_\_\_\_. A follow-up question could be "How can I \_\_\_\_\_ this into a win-win situation?" The final question on their list is: "What is \_\_\_\_\_?" This is a great question to ask. Ask it today.

*deal*  
*angle*  
*exactly*  
*turn*  
*possible*  
*list*  
*viewpoint*  
*answers*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

International Ask A Question Day is on March 13. Its goal is to improve our *knowing / knowledge* and lives by asking more and better questions. The Inquiry Institute tells us that "A question not *asking / asked* is a door not opened." The best question askers *know / knowledge* how to open many doors, even *locked / locking* ones! The QuestionDay.com website encourages us to become an "outstanding question asker". It tells us how we can *built / build* our "curiosity muscle" to make us more successful in life by asking the right questions. *Part / Party* of who we are is to ask questions and fully using the power of questions. It is one of the first things infants do when they learn to *say / talk*. Small children are outstanding at asking very difficult *question / questions* – just ask any parent!

The Inquiry Institute has a list of the top twelve questions that will bring you *success / successful*. These include asking yourself *exact / exactly* what it is you want, and then making sure your question answers this. Another good question is "How *more / else* can I think about this?" Such a question can make you look at a situation from a different *angle / corner* and give you new and better ideas and questions. There is also a question that gets you to look at a situation from the viewpoint of *other / others*: "What is the other person thinking, feeling, and wanting?" This may *give / given* you successful questions in a business *dealt / deal*. A follow-up question could be "How can I turn this into a win-win situation?" The *final / finally* question on their list is: "What is possible?" This is a great question to ask. Ask it today.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

International Ask A Question Day is on March 13. Its goal is to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ our knowledge and lives by asking more and better questions. The Inquiry Institute tells us that "A question not (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is a door not opened." The best question askers know how to open many doors, even locked ones! The QuestionDay.com website encourages us (3) \_\_\_\_\_ become an "outstanding question asker". It tells us how we can build our "curiosity muscle" to make us more (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in life by asking the right questions. Part of who we are is to ask questions and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ using the power of questions. It is one of the first things infants do when they learn to talk. Small children are outstanding (6) \_\_\_\_\_ asking very difficult questions – just ask any parent!

The Inquiry Institute has a list of the top twelve questions that will bring you (7) \_\_\_\_\_. These include asking yourself exactly what it is you want, and then making sure your question answers this. Another good question is "How (8) \_\_\_\_\_ can I think about this?" Such a question can make you look at a situation from a different angle and give you new and better ideas and questions. There is also a question that gets you to look at a situation from the viewpoint (9) \_\_\_\_\_ others: "What is the other person thinking, feeling, and wanting?" This may give you successful questions in a business (10) \_\_\_\_\_. A follow-up question could be "How can I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ this into a win-win situation?" The final question on their list is: "What is possible?" This is a great question to ask. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ it today.

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

- |     |                 |               |             |                |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) improvement | (b) improving | (c) improve | (d) improves   |
| 2.  | (a) asked       | (b) asking    | (c) asks    | (d) asker      |
| 3.  | (a) at          | (b) by        | (c) to      | (d) on         |
| 4.  | (a) success     | (b) successes | (c) succeed | (d) successful |
| 5.  | (a) full        | (b) fully     | (c) fill    | (d) filling    |
| 6.  | (a) at          | (b) to        | (c) for     | (d) of         |
| 7.  | (a) successful  | (b) success   | (c) succeed | (d) succeeding |
| 8.  | (a) else        | (b) more      | (c) other   | (d) way        |
| 9.  | (a) at          | (b) by        | (c) of      | (d) in         |
| 10. | (a) dealt       | (b) deal      | (c) dealer  | (d) dealings   |
| 11. | (a) turning     | (b) turning   | (c) turn up | (d) turn       |
| 12. | (a) Asking      | (b) Asks      | (c) Asker   | (d) Ask        |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. imeporv our knowledge
2. a door not edonep
3. more uscescsful in life
4. fylul using the power
5. they anrle to talk
6. ask any rntepa

### Paragraph 2

7. the top eewtvI questions
8. laytexc what it is
9. look at a otsiaunti
10. a different anelg
11. the viewpoint of rtseoh
12. a win-win oiaunitts

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) viewpoint of others: "What is the other person thinking, feeling, and wanting?" This may give you successful
- ( **1** ) International Ask A Question Day is on March 13. Its goal is to improve our knowledge and lives by asking more and
- ( ) asking yourself exactly what it is you want, and then making sure your question answers this. Another good question
- ( ) successful in life by asking the right questions. Part of who we are is to ask questions and fully using the power of
- ( ) questions in a business deal. A follow-up question could be "How can I turn this into a win-win situation?" The final
- ( ) better questions. The Inquiry Institute tells us that "A question not asked is a door not opened." The best question
- ( ) questions. It is one of the first things infants do when they learn to talk. Small children are
- ( ) you new and better ideas and questions. There is also a question that gets you to look at a situation from the
- ( ) become an "outstanding question asker". It tells us how we can build our "curiosity muscle" to make us more
- ( ) outstanding at asking very difficult questions – just ask any parent!
- ( ) is "How else can I think about this?" Such a question can make you look at a situation from a different angle and give
- ( ) askers know how to open many doors, even locked ones! The QuestionDay.com website encourages us to
- ( ) The Inquiry Institute has a list of the top twelve questions that will bring you success. These include
- ( ) question on their list is: "What is possible?" This is a great question to ask. Ask it today.

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. knowledge is and to lives improve Its our goal

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2. opened is A a question door not not asked

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3. who ask we questions are Part is of to

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4. one infants of do the It first is things

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5. difficult very asking at outstanding are children questions

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6. will top bring twelve you questions success that the

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7. it what exactly yourself asking want you is

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8. the at viewpoint a of situation others from look

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9. give questions business may successful a This you in deal

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10. How situation win - win a into this turn I can ?

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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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## INTERNATIONAL ASK A QUESTION DAY

### THE INTERNATIONAL ASK A QUESTION DAY SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about International Ask A Question 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 Ask A Question 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.