

# NATIONAL LOVE OUR CHILDREN DAY

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**ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.**

## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

National Love Our Children Day began in America in 2004. It falls on the first Saturday in April. Its aim is to honour and celebrate America's children and stress the importance of love as they grow up. It also wants to promote the strengthening of families and raise awareness of the need to protect children from the harmful sides of society. Some people could argue that every day should be Love Our Children Day. For many children around the world, this is true. However, there are millions of other children who are less fortunate and grow up without a loving and caring childhood. Healthy, happy and well-adjusted children provide the basis for a safe society for future generations when they become parents.

National Love Our Children Day was started by the non-profit organization Love Our Children USA. It helps to organize events across America to make children feel special. Their website advises us to: "Spend the day with the children and teens in your life! Shower them with special attention. Take them to a movie, game, fair, concert, shopping or out to lunch. Do something special together or buy them something they've been wanting for a long time - just because you love them!" New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg also had words of advice: He said: "All of our children deserve the love, encouragement, and respect they need to reach their full potential – today and every day of the year."

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. stress the importance of love | a. of families              |
| 2. promote the strengthening     | b. as they grow up          |
| 3. protect children from the     | c. adjusted children        |
| 4. children who are less         | d. for a safe society       |
| 5. Healthy, happy and well-      | e. harmful sides of society |
| 6. provide the basis             | f. fortunate                |

### Paragraph 2

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. make children            | a. lunch             |
| 2. Shower them with         | b. full potential    |
| 3. out to                   | c. special attention |
| 4. words of                 | d. every day         |
| 5. they need to reach their | e. feel special      |
| 6. today and                | f. advice            |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

National Love Our Children Day began in America in 2004. It \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday in April. Its aim is to honour and celebrate America's children and stress the importance \_\_\_\_\_ grow up. It also wants to promote the strengthening of families and raise awareness \_\_\_\_\_ protect children from the harmful sides of society. Some people could \_\_\_\_\_ should be Love Our Children Day. For many children around the world, this is true. However, there are millions of other children \_\_\_\_\_ and grow up without a loving and caring childhood. Healthy, happy and well-adjusted children provide \_\_\_\_\_ society for future generations when they become parents.

National Love Our Children Day was started \_\_\_\_\_ organization Love Our Children USA. It helps to organize events across America to \_\_\_\_\_ special. Their website advises us to: "Spend the day with the children and teens in your life! Shower \_\_\_\_\_ attention. Take them to a movie, game, fair, concert, shopping \_\_\_\_\_. Do something special together or buy them something they've been wanting for a long time - just because you love them!" New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg \_\_\_\_\_ advice: He said: "All of our children deserve the love, encouragement, and respect they need \_\_\_\_\_ potential – today and every day of the year."

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

**Put the words into the gaps in the text.**

National Love Our Children Day began in America in 2004. It \_\_\_\_\_ on the first Saturday in April. Its \_\_\_\_\_ is to honour and celebrate America's children and stress the importance of love as they grow up. It also wants to \_\_\_\_\_ the strengthening of families and raise awareness of the need to protect children from the harmful \_\_\_\_\_ of society. Some people could \_\_\_\_\_ that every day should be Love Our Children Day. For many children around the world, this is \_\_\_\_\_. However, there are millions of other children who are less fortunate and grow up without a loving and \_\_\_\_\_ childhood. Healthy, happy and well-adjusted children provide the \_\_\_\_\_ for a safe society for future generations when they become parents.

*true*  
*promote*  
*falls*  
*sides*  
*basis*  
*caring*  
*aim*  
*argue*

National Love Our Children Day was \_\_\_\_\_ by the non-profit organization Love Our Children USA. It helps to organize events \_\_\_\_\_ America to make children feel special. Their website advises us to: "Spend the day with the children and \_\_\_\_\_ in your life! Shower them with special attention. Take them to a movie, game, fair, concert, shopping or out to \_\_\_\_\_. Do something special together or buy them something they've been \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time - just because you love them!" New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg also had words of \_\_\_\_\_: He said: "All of our children \_\_\_\_\_ the love, encouragement, and respect they need to reach their \_\_\_\_\_ potential – today and every day of the year."

*lunch*  
*across*  
*deserve*  
*teens*  
*advice*  
*started*  
*full*  
*wanting*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

National Love Our Children Day began in America in 2004. It *falling / falls* on the first Saturday in April. Its aim is to honour and celebrate America's children and stress the importance *by / of* love as they grow up. It also wants to promote the *strengthening / strength* of families and raise awareness of the need to protect children from the harmful *tops / sides* of society. Some people could argue that every day should be Love Our Children Day. For many children around *the / a* world, this is true. However, there are millions of *another / other* children who are less fortunate and grow up without a *lover / loving* and caring childhood. Healthy, happy and well-adjusted children provide the basis *at / for* a safe society for future generations when they become parents.

National Love Our Children Day was *starting / started* by the non-profit organization Love Our Children USA. It helps to organize events across America to make children *feel / feeling* special. Their website advises us to: "Spend the day with the children and teens in *yours / your* life! *Shower / Bath* them with special attention. Take them to a movie, game, fair, concert, shopping or *out / in* to lunch. Do something special together or buy them something they've been wanting for a long time - just because you love them!" New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg also had words of *advise / advice*: He said: "All of our children *deserve / reserve* the love, encouragement, and respect they need to reach their *fully / full* potential – today and every day of the year."

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

National Love Our Children Day began in America in 2004. It (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on the first Saturday in April. Its aim is to honour and celebrate America's children and stress (2) \_\_\_\_\_ importance of love as they grow up. It also wants to promote the strengthening (3) \_\_\_\_\_ families and raise awareness of the need to protect children from the harmful sides of society. Some people could argue that every day (4) \_\_\_\_\_ be Love Our Children Day. For many children around the world, this is true. However, there are millions of other children who are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ fortunate and grow up without a loving and caring childhood. Healthy, happy and well-adjusted children provide the basis for a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ society for future generations when they become parents.

National Love Our Children Day was started by the non-profit organization Love Our Children USA. It helps (7) \_\_\_\_\_ organize events across America to make children feel special. Their website (8) \_\_\_\_\_ us to: "Spend the day with the children and teens in your life! Shower them with special attention. Take them to a movie, game, fair, concert, shopping or (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to lunch. Do something special together or buy them something they've been (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for a long time - just because you love them!" New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg also had words of advice: He said: "All of our children (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the love, encouragement, and respect they need to reach their (12) \_\_\_\_\_ potential - today and every day of the year."

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

- |     |              |              |             |            |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 1.  | (a) fells    | (b) fallen   | (c) falling | (d) falls  |
| 2.  | (a) the      | (b) a        | (c) an      | (d) all    |
| 3.  | (a) at       | (b) to       | (c) of      | (d) as     |
| 4.  | (a) have     | (b) should   | (c) might   | (d) will   |
| 5.  | (a) less     | (b) lease    | (c) lest    | (d) lees   |
| 6.  | (a) safety   | (b) safe     | (c) safest  | (d) save   |
| 7.  | (a) of       | (b) at       | (c) by      | (d) to     |
| 8.  | (a) advisory | (b) advise   | (c) advises | (d) advice |
| 9.  | (a) in       | (b) out      | (c) up      | (d) down   |
| 10. | (a) wanting  | (b) wants    | (c) wanted  | (d) want   |
| 11. | (a) reserve  | (b) preserve | (c) deserve | (d) serve  |
| 12. | (a) fully    | (b) filling  | (c) filled  | (d) full   |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. It allsf on the first Saturday in April
2. ctrebleae America's children
3. the uaflrhm sides of society
4. children who are less fernttuao
5. a loving and agincr childhood
6. uteruf generations

### Paragraph 2

7. organize ntvsee
8. make children feel pesacli
9. special ttainnote
10. out to lcuhn
11. words of idvace
12. reach their full ltaonitep

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) day with the children and teens in your life! Shower them with special attention. Take them to a
- ( **1** ) National Love Our Children Day began in America in 2004. It falls on the first Saturday in April. Its aim is to
- ( ) National Love Our Children Day was started by the non-profit organization Love Our Children USA. It helps to
- ( ) they've been wanting for a long time - just because you love them!" New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg also
- ( ) organize events across America to make children feel special. Their website advises us to: "Spend the
- ( ) basis for a safe society for future generations when they become parents.
- ( ) honour and celebrate America's children and stress the importance of love as they grow
- ( ) fortunate and grow up without a loving and caring childhood. Healthy, happy and well-adjusted children provide the
- ( ) had words of advice: He said: "All of our children deserve the love, encouragement, and respect they need
- ( ) up. It also wants to promote the strengthening of families and raise awareness of the need to protect children from the
- ( ) to reach their full potential – today and every day of the year."
- ( ) children around the world, this is true. However, there are millions of other children who are less
- ( ) movie, game, fair, concert, shopping or out to lunch. Do something special together or buy them something
- ( ) harmful sides of society. Some people could argue that every day should be Love Our Children Day. For many

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. April in Saturday first the on falls It

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2. of up love stress as the they importance grow

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3. harmful the from children protect society of sides

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4. who fortunate millions children less are other are there of

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5. society basis for for future a generations safe the

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6. across to America organize It events helps

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7. in your life Spend the day with the children and teens

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8. them Shower attention special with

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9. time long a for wanting been they've something

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10. they to their potential need reach full

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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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# THE NATIONAL LOVE OUR CHILDREN DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about National Love Our Children 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.			

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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.**



## 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 National Love Our Children Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about National Love Our Children 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 National Love Our Children Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.