

# THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The International Day of the Family is held on May 15 every year. This day celebrates families around the world and highlights their importance. It aims to strengthen the family unit by making family members aware of their responsibilities. The day hopes to raise awareness of equality within families and of sharing domestic duties. It also focuses on how families should encourage employment for all. The day was created by the United Nations General Assembly to support families and encourage them to contribute towards society. There is a different theme each year. In 1996, it was "Families: First Victims of Poverty and Homelessness". Themes since then have focused on families and education, human rights, development, and disabilities.

The family is the most important unit of society. It is a group of people who share many things in common. These things include a residence and economic cooperation. A family also has one or more children. Some experts say the main function of the family is to continue the human race. Parents usually start a family because of their desire for children and to be happy. Every country has its own culture or cultures. Every culture has a different understanding of what family is. The way people look at families is changing as the world changes. Centuries ago, the extended family was the norm all across the world. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins all lived together. Today, the nuclear family is becoming more common.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. This day celebrates families         | <i>a.</i> theme each year  |
| 2. It aims to strengthen                | <i>b.</i> society          |
| 3. raise awareness of equality          | <i>c.</i> on families      |
| 4. encourage them to contribute towards | <i>d.</i> around the world |
| 5. There is a different                 | <i>e.</i> the family unit  |
| 6. Themes since then have focused       | <i>f.</i> within families  |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                     |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. The family is the most important | <i>a.</i> race                 |
| 2. people who share many            | <i>b.</i> is changing          |
| 3. continue the human               | <i>c.</i> unit of society      |
| 4. The way people look at families  | <i>d.</i> becoming more common |
| 5. the extended family was the norm | <i>e.</i> things in common     |
| 6. the nuclear family is            | <i>f.</i> all across the world |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

The International Day of the Family is held on May 15 every year. This day celebrates families around the world \_\_\_\_\_ importance. It \_\_\_\_\_ the family unit by making family members \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities. The day hopes to raise awareness of equality within families and of sharing domestic duties. It also \_\_\_\_\_ families should encourage employment for all. The day was created by the United Nations General Assembly to support families and \_\_\_\_\_ contribute towards society. There is a different theme each year. In 1996, it was "Families: First Victims of Poverty and Homelessness". Themes since \_\_\_\_\_ on families and education, human rights, development, and disabilities.

The family is the most important unit of society. \_\_\_\_\_ people who share many things in common. These things include a residence and economic cooperation. A family \_\_\_\_\_ more children. Some experts say the main function of the family is to continue the human race. Parents \_\_\_\_\_ family \_\_\_\_\_ for children and to be happy. Every country has its own culture or cultures. Every culture has a different understanding \_\_\_\_\_. The way people look at families is changing as the world changes. Centuries ago, the extended family was the norm all across the world. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins all lived together. Today, \_\_\_\_\_ becoming more common.

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

The International Day of the Family is held on May 15 every year. This day \_\_\_\_\_ families around the world and highlights their importance. It aims to strengthen the family \_\_\_\_\_ by making family members aware of their responsibilities. The day \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness of equality within families and of sharing domestic duties. It also \_\_\_\_\_ on how families should encourage employment for all. The day was created by the United Nations General Assembly to support families and \_\_\_\_\_ them to contribute towards society. There is a different \_\_\_\_\_ each year. In 1996, it was "Families: First Victims of Poverty and Homelessness". Themes \_\_\_\_\_ then have focused on families and \_\_\_\_\_, human rights, development, and disabilities.

*focuses*  
*unit*  
*since*  
*encourage*  
*celebrates*  
*education*  
*hopes*  
*theme*

The family is the most important unit of society. It is a group of people who \_\_\_\_\_ many things in common. These things include a residence and \_\_\_\_\_ cooperation. A family also has one or more children. Some experts say the main function of the family is to continue the human \_\_\_\_\_. Parents usually start a family because of their \_\_\_\_\_ for children and to be happy. Every country has its own culture or cultures. Every culture has a different understanding of what family is. The way people \_\_\_\_\_ at families is changing as the world \_\_\_\_\_. Centuries ago, the extended family was the \_\_\_\_\_ all across the world. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins all lived together. Today, the nuclear family is becoming more \_\_\_\_\_.

*economic*  
*look*  
*norm*  
*race*  
*share*  
*common*  
*changes*  
*desire*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

The International Day of the Family is *held / hold* on May 15 every year. This day celebrates families around the world and highlights their importance. It aims to *stronger / strengthen* the family unit by making family members aware of their responsibilities. The day hopes to *rise / raise* awareness of equality within families and of sharing domestic duties. It also focuses on how families should encourage employment for all. The day was *creation / created* by the United Nations General Assembly to support families and encourage them *at / to* contribute towards society. There is a *difference / different* theme each year. In 1996, it was "Families: First Victims of Poverty and Homelessness". Themes *for / since* then have focused on families and education, human rights, *development / develop*, and disabilities.

The family is the most *important / importance* unit of society. It is a group of people who share many things *in / on* common. These things include a *residence / resident* and economic cooperation. A family also has one or more children. Some experts say the main function of the family is to continue the human *race / racing*. Parents usually start a family because of their desire for children and to be happy. Every country has its *own / owner* culture or cultures. Every culture has a different understanding of what family *are / is*. The way people look at families is changing as the world changes. Centuries ago, the extended family was the *normal / norm* all across the world. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins all lived together. Today, the *unclear / nuclear* family is becoming more common.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

The international Day of the Family is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on May 15 every year. This day celebrates families around the world and highlights their importance. It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen the family unit by making family members aware of their responsibilities. The day hopes to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ awareness of equality within families and of sharing domestic duties. It also focuses (4) \_\_\_\_\_ how families should encourage employment for all. The day was created by the United Nations General Assembly to support families and encourage them to contribute (5) \_\_\_\_\_ society. There is a different theme each year. In 1996, it was "Families: First Victims of Poverty and Homelessness". Themes since then (6) \_\_\_\_\_ focused on families and education, human rights, development, and disabilities.

The family is the most important unit of society. It is a group of people who share many things (7) \_\_\_\_\_ common. These things include a residence and economic cooperation. A family also has one or more children. Some experts say the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ function of the family is to continue the human race. Parents usually start a family because of their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for children and to be happy. Every country has its own culture or cultures. Every culture has a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of what family is. The way people look at families is changing as the world changes. Centuries (11) \_\_\_\_\_, the extended family was the norm all across the world. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins all lived together. Today, the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ family is becoming more common.

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

- |     |               |               |                |               |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) help      | (b) hold      | (c) holding    | (d) held      |
| 2.  | (a) aims      | (b) aim       | (c) aiming     | (d) take aim  |
| 3.  | (a) rise      | (b) raise     | (c) rising     | (d) arise     |
| 4.  | (a) in        | (b) to        | (c) on         | (d) so        |
| 5.  | (a) backwards | (b) upwards   | (c) forwards   | (d) towards   |
| 6.  | (a) has       | (b) having    | (c) have       | (d) has had   |
| 7.  | (a) on        | (b) at        | (c) in         | (d) with      |
| 8.  | (a) mainly    | (b) main      | (c) maintain   | (d) mainstay  |
| 9.  | (a) desire    | (b) desired   | (c) desirable  | (d) desirably |
| 10. | (a) differ    | (b) different | (c) difference | (d) differed  |
| 11. | (a) since     | (b) then      | (c) before     | (d) ago       |
| 12. | (a) nuclear   | (b) nucleus   | (c) unclear    | (d) uncles    |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. families runaod the world
2. entnrhegts the family unit
3. risae awareness
4. sharing domestic isuedt
5. contribute sdtwoar society
6. ceuodfs on families and education

### Paragraph 2

7. the most important unit of styeoci
8. share many things in mconom
9. the main nnctofiu of the family
10. their irsdee for children
11. the extended family was the nmor
12. the aelnucr family

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) children. Some experts say the main function of the family is to continue the human race. Parents usually start
- ( ) the world. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins all lived together. Today, the nuclear family is becoming more common.
- ( ) duties. It also focuses on how families should encourage employment for all. The day was created
- ( ) aware of their responsibilities. The day hopes to raise awareness of equality within families and of sharing domestic
- ( ) common. These things include a residence and economic cooperation. A family also has one or more
- ( ) a family because of their desire for children and to be happy. Every country has its own culture or
- ( ) by the United Nations General Assembly to support families and encourage them to contribute towards
- ( ) changing as the world changes. Centuries ago, the extended family was the norm all across
- ( ) world and highlights their importance. It aims to strengthen the family unit by making family members
- ( ) cultures. Every culture has a different understanding of what family is. The way people look at families is
- ( **1** ) The International Day of the Family is held on May 15 every year. This day celebrates families around the
- ( ) The family is the most important unit of society. It is a group of people who share many things in
- ( ) society. There is a different theme each year. In 1996, it was "Families: First Victims of Poverty and
- ( ) Homelessness". Themes since then have focused on families and education, human rights, development, and disabilities.

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. around world day families the This celebrates

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2. family It to the unit aims strengthen

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3. equality of awareness raise families within

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4. society towards contribute to them encourage

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5. is different each There a theme year

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6. important family unit is of the society most The

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7. things common who many in people share

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8. has country Every culture own its

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9. people way The changing is families at look

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10. more the family becoming common nuclear is

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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 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about International Day Of Families. 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 Day Of Families. 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.