

# INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Nurses do one of the most important jobs in the world. There is a special day for us to celebrate them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 every year. Of course, this is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. On IND, nurses take part in different events to highlight the importance of their work. They give ordinary people a chance to learn about the work they do. Many hospitals and clinics organize fund-raising events to highlight the work of nurses. IND was started in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was important to have a special day to raise awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a day for nurses to pat themselves on the back and be proud of doing such a valuable job.

Florence Nightingale is known as the founder of modern nursing. She was British, but was born in Italy in 1820. She was named after her birth place, the city of Florence. She went to good schools and her parents thought she would marry a rich gentleman, which is what all good ladies did then. However, she felt the need to help people and became a nurse. Her parents were shocked. She started her nursing career when she was 33. A year later, she went to Turkey to help British soldiers wounded in the Crimean War. She worked very long hours into the early hours of the morning and got the nickname "lady of the lamp". She greatly improved conditions in the hospital and changed hospital care and nursing forever.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. one of the most important | a. nurses            |
| 2. highlight the importance  | b. valuable job      |
| 3. give ordinary people      | c. jobs in the world |
| 4. the important work of     | d. on the back       |
| 5. pat themselves            | e. of their work     |
| 6. be proud of doing such a  | f. a chance to learn |

### Paragraph 2

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the founder of        | a. help British soldiers |
| 2. She was named         | b. and nursing forever   |
| 3. she felt the need     | c. of the morning        |
| 4. she went to Turkey to | d. modern nursing        |
| 5. into the early hours  | e. to help people        |
| 6. changed hospital care | f. after her birth place |

**LISTENING GAP FILL**

Nurses \_\_\_\_\_ important jobs in the world. There is a special day for us to celebrate them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 every year. Of course, this is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. On IND, nurses take part \_\_\_\_\_ highlight the importance of their work. They give ordinary people a \_\_\_\_\_ the work they do. Many hospitals and clinics organize fund-raising events to \_\_\_\_\_ of nurses. IND was started in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was important \_\_\_\_\_ day to raise awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a day for nurses to pat themselves on the back \_\_\_\_\_ such a valuable job.

Florence Nightingale is known \_\_\_\_\_ modern nursing. She was British, but was born in Italy in 1820. She was named \_\_\_\_\_, the city of Florence. She went to good schools and her parents thought she would marry a rich gentleman, \_\_\_\_\_ good ladies did then. However, she felt the need to help people and became a nurse. Her parents were shocked. She started her nursing \_\_\_\_\_ 33. A year later, she went to Turkey to help British soldiers wounded in the Crimean War. She worked \_\_\_\_\_ the early hours of the morning and got the nickname "lady of the lamp". She greatly improved conditions in the hospital and changed hospital care \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Nurses do one of the most important jobs in the world. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ day for us to celebrate them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 every year. Of course, this is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's \_\_\_\_\_. On IND, nurses take part in different events to highlight the importance of their \_\_\_\_\_. They give ordinary people a \_\_\_\_\_ to learn about the work they do. Many hospitals and \_\_\_\_\_ organize fund-raising events to highlight the work of nurses. IND was started in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was \_\_\_\_\_ to have a special day to \_\_\_\_\_ awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a day for nurses to pat themselves on the back and be proud of doing such a \_\_\_\_\_ job.

*work*  
*clinics*  
*birth*  
*raise*  
*chance*  
*special*  
*valuable*  
*important*

Florence Nightingale is known as the \_\_\_\_\_ of modern nursing. She was British, but was born in Italy in 1820. She was named \_\_\_\_\_ her birth place, the city of Florence. She went to good schools and her parents thought she would \_\_\_\_\_ a rich gentleman, which is what all good ladies did then. However, she felt the need to help people and became a nurse. Her parents were \_\_\_\_\_. She started her nursing \_\_\_\_\_ when she was 33. A year later, she went to Turkey to help British soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ in the Crimean War. She worked very long hours into the early hours of the morning and got the \_\_\_\_\_ "lady of the lamp". She greatly improved conditions in the hospital and changed hospital care and nursing \_\_\_\_\_.

*after*  
*shocked*  
*wounded*  
*forever*  
*marry*  
*nickname*  
*founder*  
*career*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Nurses do one of the most important jobs in the world. There is a *special / specially* day for us to celebrate them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 every year. Of course, this is the *anniversaries / anniversary* of Florence Nightingale's birth. On IND, nurses take part in different events to highlight the *important / importance* of their work. They give ordinary people a *chance / opportunity* to learn about the work they do. Many hospitals and clinics organize fund-raising events to highlight the *works / work* of nurses. IND was started in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was important to have a special day to *raise / rise* awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a day for nurses to *pat / pit* themselves on the back and be *pride / proud* of doing such a valuable job.

Florence Nightingale is *knew / known* as the founder of modern nursing. She was British, but was born in Italy in 1820. She was named *after / over* her birth place, the city of Florence. She went to good schools and her parents *think / thought* she would marry a rich gentleman, which is what all good ladies did then. However, she felt the *necessary / need* to help people and became a nurse. Her parents were shocked. She started her nursing career *as / when* she was 33. A year later, she went to Turkey to help British soldiers *wounded / wound up* in the Crimean War. She worked very long hours into the *early / fast* hours of the morning and got the nickname "lady of the lamp". She greatly *improved / improvement* conditions in the hospital and changed hospital care and nursing forever.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

Nurses do one of the most (1) \_\_\_\_\_ jobs in the world. There is a special day for us to celebrate them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ year. Of course, this is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. On IND, nurses take part in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ events to highlight the importance of their work. They give ordinary people a chance to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about the work they do. Many hospitals and clinics organize fund-raising events to highlight the work of nurses. IND was (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was important to have a special day to raise awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a day for nurses to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ themselves on the back and be proud of doing such a valuable job.

Florence Nightingale is known as the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of modern nursing. She was British, but was born in Italy in 1820. She was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ after her birth place, the city of Florence. She went to good schools and her parents thought she would marry a rich gentleman, which is what all good ladies (9) \_\_\_\_\_ then. However, she felt the need to help people and became a nurse. Her parents were shocked. She started her nursing career when she was 33. A year later, she went to Turkey to help British soldiers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Crimean War. She worked very long hours into the early hours of the morning and got the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ "lady of the lamp". She (12) \_\_\_\_\_ improved conditions in the hospital and changed hospital care and nursing forever.

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

- |     |                |               |               |                |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) importance | (b) import    | (c) important | (d) imports    |
| 2.  | (a) every      | (b) all       | (c) each      | (d) whole      |
| 3.  | (a) differed   | (b) different | (c) differs   | (d) difference |
| 4.  | (a) learning   | (b) learnt    | (c) learns    | (d) learn      |
| 5.  | (a) starts     | (b) starting  | (c) started   | (d) start      |
| 6.  | (a) pet        | (b) pat       | (c) pit       | (d) pot        |
| 7.  | (a) founder    | (b) finding   | (c) find      | (d) finds      |
| 8.  | (a) naming     | (b) named     | (c) names     | (d) a big name |
| 9.  | (a) made       | (b) took      | (c) did       | (d) went       |
| 10. | (a) wounded    | (b) wound up  | (c) wounds    | (d) wounding   |
| 11. | (a) namesake   | (b) namely    | (c) nameless  | (d) nickname   |
| 12. | (a) great      | (b) grateful  | (c) greatness | (d) greatly    |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. one of the most tipantrmo jobs
2. the vreasnanryi of Florence Nightingale's birth
3. ghhltighi the importance of their work
4. organize fund-raising nsvtee
5. pat evesmhetsl on the back
6. doing such a aueblval job

### Paragraph 2

7. the donfuer of modern nursing
8. She was dname after her birth place
9. her parents tthugoh she would marry a rich gentleman
10. Her parents were chokdse
11. help British soldiers woednud in the Crimean War
12. She greatly evodmpir conditions

**PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER****Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) them. International Nurses Day (IND) is on May 12 every year. Of course, this is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's
- ( ) important to have a special day to raise awareness of the important work of nurses. It is also a
- ( ) to Turkey to help British soldiers wounded
- ( ) became a nurse. Her parents were shocked. She started her nursing career when she was 33. A year later, she went
- ( **1** ) Nurses do one of the most important jobs in the world. There is a special day for us to celebrate
- ( ) the work of nurses. IND was started in the USA in 1965. The International Council For Nurses decided it was
- ( ) in the Crimean War. She worked very long hours into the early hours of the morning and got the nickname "lady of
- ( ) people a chance to learn about the work they do. Many hospitals and clinics organize fund-raising events to highlight
- ( ) Florence Nightingale is known as the founder of modern nursing. She was British, but was born in Italy in 1820. She was
- ( ) named after her birth place, the city of Florence. She went to good schools and her parents thought she would
- ( ) the lamp". She greatly improved conditions in the hospital and changed hospital care and nursing forever.
- ( ) marry a rich gentleman, which is what all good ladies did then. However, she felt the need to help people and
- ( ) birth. On IND, nurses take part in different events to highlight the importance of their work. They give ordinary
- ( ) day for nurses to pat themselves on the back and be proud of doing such a valuable job.

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. the most world important one jobs of in the

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2. the birth Nightingale's Florence of anniversary

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3. a the chance work to they learn do about

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4. the nurses fund-raising highlight of to work events

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5. job valuable a such doing of proud be

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6. of the modern founder nursing

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7. place was after birth She named her

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8. the to people felt need help she

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9. the hours the into early of morning

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10. hospital greatly conditions the She improved in

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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 NURSES DAY SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about International Nurses 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 Nurses 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.