

# STAR WARS DAY

( May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you )

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Fans of the *Star Wars* movies have a special day to celebrate the films, characters and culture of the franchise. That day is May the 4th. Why this day? It is not the day on which the first *Star Wars* was released, nor is it director George Lucas' birthday. It falls on this day because the date sounds like a famous quote from the movie: "May the Force be with you". This is spoken among the Jedi Knights as they prepare to battle Darth Vader. The term was also used in the election of Margaret Thatcher – Britain's first female Prime Minister. On May 4, 1979, her party placed an advertisement in a London newspaper that said: "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."

So what do people do on May the 4th to celebrate *Star Wars*? The official website for the day, [maythe4th.starwars.com](http://maythe4th.starwars.com), gives "10 fun ways you can celebrate your love of a galaxy far, far away". Top of the list is to have a *Star Wars* movie marathon and watch all the movies one after the other. However, there could be a problem here, as the site asks: "Do you start with the prequels or the original trilogy?" Of course, dressing up is important, so make sure you get out your Stormtrooper or Darth Vader uniform. The site even suggests preparing blue milk and has its own recipe. Perhaps the best suggestion is donate any *Star Wars* related toys you have to charities.

### Sources:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star\\_Wars\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Wars_Day)

<http://maythe4th.starwars.com/top-10-ways-to-celebrate-may-the-4th/#more-727>

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                      |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. a special day                     | <i>a.</i> of the franchise      |
| 2. the films, characters and culture | <i>b.</i> of Margaret Thatcher  |
| 3. a famous                          | <i>c.</i> in a London newspaper |
| 4. prepare to                        | <i>d.</i> quote                 |
| 5. the election                      | <i>e.</i> to celebrate          |
| 6. placed an advertisement           | <i>f.</i> battle                |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. official                     | <i>a.</i> marathon                   |
| 2. a galaxy                     | <i>b.</i> of the list                |
| 3. top                          | <i>c.</i> website                    |
| 4. movie                        | <i>d.</i> or the original trilogy    |
| 5. start with the prequels      | <i>e.</i> toys you have to charities |
| 6. donate any Star Wars related | <i>f.</i> far, far away              |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

Fans of the *Star Wars* movies have a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the films, characters and culture of the franchise. That day is May the 4th. Why this day? It (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the first *Star Wars* was released, nor is it director George Lucas' birthday. It falls on this day because the date (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from the movie: "May the Force be with you". This is spoken among the Jedi Knights as (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Darth Vader. The term was also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Margaret Thatcher – Britain's first female Prime Minister. On May 4, 1979, her party (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in a London newspaper that said: "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."

So what do people do on May the 4th to celebrate *Star Wars*? The official (7) \_\_\_\_\_, [maythe4th.starwars.com](http://maythe4th.starwars.com), gives "10 fun ways you can celebrate (8) \_\_\_\_\_ far, far away". Top of the list is to have a *Star Wars* movie marathon and watch all the movies (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, there could be a problem here, as the site asks: "Do you start with the prequels (10) \_\_\_\_\_?" Of course, (11) \_\_\_\_\_, so make sure you get out your Stormtrooper or Darth Vader uniform. The site even suggests preparing blue milk and has its own recipe. Perhaps the best (12) \_\_\_\_\_ *Star Wars* related toys you have to charities.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the *Star Wars* movies have a special day to celebrate the films, characters and culture of the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. That day is May the 4th. Why this day? It is not the day on which the first *Star Wars* was (3) \_\_\_\_\_, nor is it director George Lucas' birthday. It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on this day because the date sounds like a famous quote from the movie: "May the Force be with you". This is spoken (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Jedi Knights as they prepare to battle Darth Vader. The (6) \_\_\_\_\_ was also used in the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of Margaret Thatcher – Britain's first female Prime Minister. On May 4, 1979, her party (8) \_\_\_\_\_ an advertisement in a London newspaper that said: "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."

*among*  
*placed*  
*released*  
*fans*  
*election*  
*franchise*  
*term*  
*falls*

So what do people do on May the 4th to celebrate *Star Wars*? The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ website for the day, [maythe4th.starwars.com](http://maythe4th.starwars.com), gives "10 fun (10) \_\_\_\_\_ you can celebrate your love of a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ far, far away". Top of the list is to have a *Star Wars* movie (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and watch all the movies one after the other. However, there could be a problem here, as the site asks: "Do you start with the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ or the original (14) \_\_\_\_\_?" Of course, dressing up is important, so make sure you get out your Stormtrooper or Darth Vader (15) \_\_\_\_\_. The site even suggests preparing blue milk and has its own recipe. Perhaps the best suggestion is (16) \_\_\_\_\_ any *Star Wars* related toys you have to charities.

*trilogy*  
*marathon*  
*ways*  
*donate*  
*prequels*  
*official*  
*uniform*  
*galaxy*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Fans of the *Star Wars* movies have a *species / special* day to celebrate the films, characters and *culture / cultured* of the franchise. That day is May the 4th. Why this day? It is not the day on which the first *Star Wars was / have* released, nor is it director George Lucas' birthday. It *falls / drops* on this day because the date sounds like a famous quote from the movie: "May the Force be with you". This is *told / spoken* among the Jedi Knights as they prepare to battle Darth Vader. The *term / team* was also used in the *elected / election* of Margaret Thatcher – Britain's first female Prime Minister. On May 4, 1979, her party *placing / placed* an advertisement in a London newspaper that said: "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."

So what do people do on May the 4th to celebrate *Star Wars*? The *official / office* website for the day, [maythe4th.starwars.com](http://maythe4th.starwars.com), gives "10 fun ways you can celebrate your *lover / love* of a galaxy far, far *way / away*". Top of the list is to have a *Star Wars* movie marathon and watch all the movies one after the *other / another*. However, there could be a problem here, as the site asks: "Do you start with the prequels or the *originality / original* trilogy?" Of course, dressing *up / down* is important, so make sure you get out your Stormtrooper or Darth Vader uniform. The site even suggests *preparing / prepared* blue milk and has its own recipe. Perhaps the best suggestion is donate any *Star Wars related / relative* toys you have to charities.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the *Star Wars* movies have a special day to celebrate the films, characters and culture of the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. That day is May the 4th. Why this day? It is not the day on which the first *Star Wars* was (3) \_\_\_\_\_, nor is it director George Lucas' birthday. It falls on this day because the date sounds like a famous (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from the movie: "May the Force be with you". This is spoken among the Jedi Knights as they prepare to battle Darth Vader. The term was also used in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of Margaret Thatcher – Britain's first female Prime Minister. On May 4, 1979, her party (6) \_\_\_\_\_ an advertisement in a London newspaper that said: "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."

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

- |     |                 |                 |               |                  |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) Fans        | (b) Ferns       | (c) Fronds    | (d) Fins         |
| 2.  | (a) merchandise | (b) enfranchise | (c) franchise | (d) disfranchise |
| 3.  | (a) set free    | (b) released    | (c) let go    | (d) freed        |
| 4.  | (a) words       | (b) poem        | (c) chorus    | (d) quote        |
| 5.  | (a) election    | (b) vote        | (c) survey    | (d) poll         |
| 6.  | (a) took        | (b) uploaded    | (c) filmed    | (d) placed       |
| 7.  | (a) office      | (b) officially  | (c) official  | (d) officials    |
| 8.  | (a) sky         | (b) galaxy      | (c) world     | (d) atmosphere   |
| 9.  | (a) mania       | (b) jog         | (c) Olympics  | (d) marathon     |
| 10. | (a) trilogy     | (b) triangle    | (c) triad     | (d) trillion     |
| 11. | (a) prepares    | (b) preparing   | (c) prepared  | (d) prepare      |
| 12. | (a) born        | (b) told        | (c) related   | (d) applied      |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. Star Wars was leedreas
2. a famous tuqoe
3. epraepr to battle Darth Vader
4. in the ieclonet of Margaret Thatcher
5. an emtaeveisnrtd in a London newspaper
6. May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. lusattnrgoaniC.

### Paragraph 2

7. fifaciol website
8. a laagxy far, far away
9. a Star Wars movie tmahonar
10. the original toilrgy
11. its own rpeeci
12. aeontd any Star Wars related toys

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) the election of Margaret Thatcher – Britain's first female Prime Minister. On May 4, 1979, her party placed
- ( ) among the Jedi Knights as they prepare to battle Darth Vader. The term was also used in
- ( ) all the movies one after the other. However, there could be a problem here, as the site asks: "Do you
- ( ) So what do people do on May the 4th to celebrate Star Wars? The official
- ( ) and culture of the franchise. That day is May the 4th. Why this day? It is not the day on
- ( ) an advertisement in a London newspaper that said: "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."
- ( ) start with the prequels or the original trilogy?" Of course, dressing up is important, so make sure
- ( ) own recipe. Perhaps the best suggestion is donate any Star Wars related toys you have to charities.
- ( ) which the first Star Wars was released, nor is it director George Lucas' birthday. It falls on this day
- ( ) your love of a galaxy far, far away". Top of the list is to have a Star Wars movie marathon and watch
- ( ) you get out your Stormtrooper or Darth Vader uniform. The site even suggests preparing blue milk and has its
- ( ) website for the day, [maythe4th.starwars.com](http://maythe4th.starwars.com), gives "10 fun ways you can celebrate
- ( ) because the date sounds like a famous quote from the movie: "May the Force be with you". This is spoken
- ( **1** ) Fans of the Star Wars movies have a special day to celebrate the films, characters

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Wars movies have a special . day Fans of the Star

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2. The day on which the first Star Wars was released.

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3. the movie The date sounds like a famous quote from.

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4. term the was election also used The in.

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5. advertisement London Her an a placed in newspaper party.

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6. your a , Celebrate of far away love galaxy far.

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7. marathon Star to the Wars have list Top movie a is of.

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8. after all the the other movies one Watch.

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9. course Of important is up dressing ,.

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10. milk blue preparing suggests even site The.

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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 STAR WARS DAY SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Star Wars 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 Star Wars 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.