

NATIONAL YO-YO DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

June 6 is National Yo-Yo Day. This is the date of birth of the man who popularized yo-yos in the USA. His name was Donald Duncan and he got into the yo-yo business in 1930. Of course there were ups and downs before yo-yoing became an American pastime. Any story about yo-yos would not be complete without a little up-and-down joke. Donald Duncan saw a yo-yo for the first time in the 1920s. A Filipino-American, Pedro Flores, mass-produced the toys in California. Duncan saw the potential to make money and bought Flores' yo-yo factory. He hired Flores to take the yo-yo all around America. Flores held competitions in all the states he visited. Children loved the yo-yo and Duncan's business went from strength to strength.

The true history of the yo-yo goes back several thousand years. It is thought to have originated in China. From there, it travelled to Greece. Records from the ancient Greek empire, around 500BC, describe a circular toy made out of wood. The world's oldest yo-yo dates to this period. Not all yo-yos were toys. There are reports that the yo-yo was a weapon for over 400 years in the Philippines. Today, the yo-yo is a part of every child's toy cupboard. Young and old love playing with it and demonstrating their skills. It is perhaps one of the most successful toys ever. All around America, there are yo-yo competitions on June 6. Many yo-yo enthusiasts believe it should be an Olympic sport. There is definitely an art and a skill to good yo-yoing.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. the man who | a. produced the toys |
| 2. Of course there were ups | b. around America |
| 3. an American | c. to strength |
| 4. Pedro Flores, mass- | d. pastime |
| 5. take the yo-yo all | e. popularized yo-yos |
| 6. Duncan's business went from strength | f. and downs |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the yo-yo goes back | a. successful toys ever |
| 2. a circular toy made | b. several thousand years |
| 3. the yo-yo was a weapon | c. out of wood |
| 4. demonstrating | d. good yo-yoing |
| 5. one of the most | e. for over 400 years |
| 6. an art and a skill to | f. their skills |

LISTENING GAP FILL

June 6 is National Yo-Yo Day. This is _____ the man who popularized yo-yos in the USA. His name was Donald Duncan _____ yo-yo business in 1930. Of course there were ups and downs before yo-yoing became an American pastime. Any story about yo-yos would not be complete _____ -and-down joke. Donald Duncan saw a yo-yo for the first time in the 1920s. A Filipino-American, Pedro Flores, _____ in California. Duncan saw the potential to make money and bought Flores' yo-yo factory. He hired Flores to take the yo-yo all around America. Flores _____ the states he visited. Children loved the yo-yo and Duncan's business went from _____.

The true history of the yo-yo _____ years. It is thought to have originated in China. From there, it travelled to Greece. Records _____ empire, around 500BC, describe a circular toy made out of wood. The world's oldest yo-yo dates to this period. Not _____. There are reports that the yo-yo was a weapon for over 400 years in the Philippines. Today, the yo-yo is a part of every child's toy cupboard. Young _____ with it and demonstrating their skills. It is perhaps one of the most successful toys ever. All around America, there are yo-yo competitions on June 6. Many yo-yo _____ should be an Olympic sport. There is definitely an art and a _____.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

June 6 is National Yo-Yo Day. This is the date of birth of the man who _____ yo-yos in the USA. His name was Donald Duncan and he got into the yo-yo _____ in 1930. Of course there were ups and downs before yo-yoing became an American _____. Any story about yo-yos would not be complete without a little up-and-down _____. Donald Duncan saw a yo-yo for the first time in the 1920s. A Filipino-American, Pedro Flores, _____ -produced the toys in California. Duncan saw the _____ to make money and bought Flores' yo-yo factory. He hired Flores to take the yo-yo all around America. Flores _____ competitions in all the states he visited. Children loved the yo-yo and Duncan's business went from _____ to strength.

joke
business
held
mass
strength
pastime
popularized
potential

The true history of the yo-yo goes back _____ thousand years. It is thought to have _____ in China. From there, it travelled to Greece. Records from the ancient Greek empire, around 500BC, describe a _____ toy made out of wood. The world's oldest yo-yo dates to this period. Not all yo-yos were toys. There are reports that the yo-yo was a _____ for over 400 years in the Philippines. Today, the yo-yo is a part of every child's toy _____. Young and old love playing with it and demonstrating their skills. It is perhaps one of the most _____ toys ever. All around America, there are yo-yo competitions on June 6. Many yo-yo _____ believe it should be an Olympic sport. There is definitely an _____ and a skill to good yo-yoing.

circular
cupboard
several
enthusiasts
art
weapon
originated
successful

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

June 6 is National Yo-Yo Day. This is the date of *born / birth* of the man who popularized yo-yos in the USA. His name was Donald Duncan and he *got / made* into the yo-yo business in 1930. Of course there were ups and downs before yo-yoing became an American pastime. Any story about yo-yos would not be *completion / complete* without a little up-and-down *funny / joke*. Donald Duncan saw a yo-yo for the first time in the 1920s. A Filipino-American, Pedro Flores, mass-produced the toys in California. Duncan saw the *potential / possible* to make money and bought Flores' yo-yo factory. He *rented / hired* Flores to take the yo-yo all around America. Flores *gripped / held* competitions in all the states he visited. Children loved the yo-yo and Duncan's business went from *strength / strong* to strength.

The true history of the yo-yo *goes / comes* back several thousand years. It is thought to have *original / originated* in China. From there, it travelled to Greece. Records from the ancient Greek empire, around 500BC, describe a circular toy made *out / up* of wood. The world's oldest yo-yo dates to *this / the* period. Not all yo-yos were toys. There are reports that the yo-yo was a weapon for over 400 years in the Philippines. Today, the yo-yo is a part of *every / all* child's toy cupboard. Young and old love playing with it and demonstrating *them / their* skills. It is perhaps one of the most successful toys ever. All around America, there are yo-yo competitions on June 6. Many yo-yo *enthusiasts / enthusiastically* believe it should be an Olympic sport. There is definitely an *art / artist* and a skill to good yo-yoing.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

June 6 is National Yo-Yo Day. This is the date of (1) _____ of the man who popularized yo-yos in the USA. His name was Donald Duncan and he got (2) _____ the yo-yo business in 1930. Of course there were ups and downs before yo-yoing became an American pastime. Any story about yo-yos would not be (3) _____ without a little up-and-down joke. Donald Duncan saw a yo-yo for the first time in the 1920s. A Filipino-American, Pedro Flores, (4) _____ -produced the toys in California. Duncan saw the (5) _____ to make money and bought Flores' yo-yo factory. He hired Flores to take the yo-yo all around America. Flores held competitions in all the states he visited. Children loved the yo-yo and Duncan's business (6) _____ from strength to strength.

The true history of the yo-yo (7) _____ back several thousand years. It is thought to have originated in China. From there, it travelled to Greece. Records from the ancient Greek empire, around 500BC, describe a (8) _____ toy made out of wood. The world's oldest yo-yo dates to this period. Not all yo-yos were toys. There are (9) _____ that the yo-yo was a weapon for over 400 years in the Philippines. Today, the yo-yo is a part of every child's toy cupboard. Young and old love playing with it and demonstrating their (10) _____. It is perhaps one of the most successful toys ever. All around America, there are yo-yo competitions on June 6. Many yo-yo enthusiasts (11) _____ it should be an Olympic sport. There is definitely an (12) _____ and a skill to good yo-yoing.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) born | (b) birth | (c) births | (d) birthday |
| 2. | (a) into | (b) out of | (c) up to | (d) down to |
| 3. | (a) completion | (b) completed | (c) complete | (d) completes |
| 4. | (a) pass | (b) bass | (c) lass | (d) mass |
| 5. | (a) probable | (b) potential | (c) possible | (d) maybe |
| 6. | (a) came | (b) arrived | (c) went | (d) left |
| 7. | (a) comes | (b) arrives | (c) goes | (d) leaves |
| 8. | (a) circle | (b) circling | (c) circles | (d) circular |
| 9. | (a) reports | (b) reporters | (c) reporter | (d) reported |
| 10. | (a) skills | (b) skillfully | (c) skilled | (d) skillful |
| 11. | (a) belief | (b) believe | (c) beliefs | (d) believes |
| 12. | (a) arty | (b) artistic | (c) Arts | (d) art |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the man who rupaedozpli yo-yos
2. an American mtpaesi
3. Any oryst about yo-yos
4. mass-rpducode the toys
5. Flores held empiitoconts in all the states
6. Duncan's neisbssu went from strength to strength

Paragraph 2

7. goes back lrevsae thousand years
8. it reladvelt to Greece
9. a rulrcica toy made out of wood
10. the yo-yo was a enpawo
11. the most lcsuceussf toys
12. a sikll to good yo-yoing

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () joke. Donald Duncan saw a yo-yo for the first time in the 1920s. A Filipino-American, Pedro Flores, mass-
- (**1**) June 6 is National Yo-Yo Day. This is the date of birth of the man who popularized yo-yos in the USA. His name
- () was Donald Duncan and he got into the yo-yo business in 1930. Of course there were ups and downs before yo-yoing became
- () The true history of the yo-yo goes back several thousand years. It is thought to have originated in China. From there, it
- () enthusiasts believe it should be an Olympic sport. There is definitely an art and a skill to good yo-yoing.
- () to take the yo-yo all around America. Flores held competitions in all the states he
- () an American pastime. Any story about yo-yos would not be complete without a little up-and-down
- () travelled to Greece. Records from the ancient Greek empire, around 500BC, describe a circular toy made out
- () produced the toys in California. Duncan saw the potential to make money and bought Flores' yo-yo factory. He hired Flores
- () a weapon for over 400 years in the Philippines. Today, the yo-yo is a part of every child's toy
- () visited. Children loved the yo-yo and Duncan's business went from strength to strength.
- () most successful toys ever. All around America, there are yo-yo competitions on June 6. Many yo-yo
- () cupboard. Young and old love playing with it and demonstrating their skills. It is perhaps one of the
- () of wood. The world's oldest yo-yo dates to this period. Not all yo-yos were toys. There are reports that the yo-yo was

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. yo-yos popularized who man the of birth of date the

2. course were and Of there ups downs

3. Duncan yo-yo for time a first saw the

4. all yo - yo the take America around

5. business from to Duncan's went strength strength

6. wood circular made of a toy out

7. child's every of part a is yo-yo the cupboard toy

8. Young old playing it and love with

9. on June 6 yo-yo there competitions are

10. a good going and to - art skill yo an

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 YO-YO DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about National Yo-Yo 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 Yo-Yo 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.