

# PARENTS' DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Everyone knows Mother's Day and Father's Day, but not many people know about Parents' Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton signed a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents' Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children". The day came about because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to promote responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on this day. One important theme is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a rise in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility any of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most powerful human bond. Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility of every parent to uphold their duty of raising their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most popular activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible decision to make because there are so many truly wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent's Day, your parents and children know exactly how special and important they are.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. not many people know                    | a. rearing of children   |
| 2. the fourth                              | b. two-parent family     |
| 3. the role of parents in the              | c. in social problems    |
| 4. a day to promote                        | d. about Parents' Day    |
| 5. strengthen the idea of the traditional, | e. Sunday of July        |
| 6. leading to a rise                       | f. responsible parenting |

### Paragraph 2

- |                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. the most important responsibility | a. life-long endeavour       |
| 2. the most powerful human           | b. decision                  |
| 3. being a parent brings countless   | c. bond                      |
| 4. Being a parent can be an almost   | d. any of us can have        |
| 5. It is an almost impossible        | e. parents and children know |
| 6. make sure your                    | f. joys and happiness        |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

Everyone knows Mother's Day and Father's Day, \_\_\_\_\_ know about Parents' Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton signed a law \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday of July a day we can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents' Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and \_\_\_\_\_ of parents in the rearing of children". The day came about because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided it was \_\_\_\_\_ a day to promote responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on this day. One important theme \_\_\_\_\_ idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is \_\_\_\_\_ in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility \_\_\_\_\_. The parent-child relationship \_\_\_\_\_ human bond. Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It becomes \_\_\_\_\_ parent to uphold their duty of raising their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be \_\_\_\_\_ endeavour. One of the most popular activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible decision to make because there \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent's Day, your parents and children know \_\_\_\_\_ and important they are.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

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

Everyone knows Mother's Day and Father's Day, but not \_\_\_\_\_ people know about Parents' Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton \_\_\_\_\_ a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ of our parents. The law says Parents' Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the \_\_\_\_\_ of parents in the rearing of children". The day came \_\_\_\_\_ because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to \_\_\_\_\_ responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on this day. One important \_\_\_\_\_ is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a \_\_\_\_\_ in social problems.

*promote**role**signed**rise**many**theme**about**both*

Parenthood is the most important responsibility \_\_\_\_\_ of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most powerful human \_\_\_\_\_. Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It becomes the \_\_\_\_\_ of every parent to uphold their duty of raising their God-given \_\_\_\_\_ with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an \_\_\_\_\_ life-long endeavour. One of the most \_\_\_\_\_ activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible \_\_\_\_\_ to make because there are so many truly wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent's Day, your parents and children know \_\_\_\_\_ how special and important they are.

*gift**bond**exactly**popular**any**responsibility**decision**almost*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

Everyone knows Mother's Day and Father's Day, but not *much / many* people know about Parents' Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton *signed / signing* a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents' Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the *roll / role* of parents in the rearing of children". The day came about because of campaigning *by / up* religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to *promote / promotion* responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on *these / this* day. One important *theme / them* is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a *rise / arise* in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility any of *we / us* can have. The parent-child relationship is the most *powerful / power* human bond. Becoming and being a parent brings *countable / countless* joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility of every parent to uphold their duty of *raising / rising* their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most *popularity / popular* activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible *deciding / decision* to make because there are so many *true / truly* wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent's Day, your parents and children know *exactly / exact* how special and important they are.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

Everyone knows Mother's Day and Father's Day, but not (1) \_\_\_\_\_ people know about Parents' Day. This started in July 1994. President Bill Clinton signed a law that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate both of our parents. The law says Parents' Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of parents in the rearing of children". The day (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided it was important to have a day to promote responsible (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Parents must also celebrate their children on this day. One important theme is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in social problems.

Parenthood is the most important responsibility (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most powerful human bond. Becoming and being a parent (8) \_\_\_\_\_ countless joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility of every parent to uphold their duty of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most (10) \_\_\_\_\_ activities in many communities is to honor "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible decision to make because there are so many (11) \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent's Day, your parents and children know (12) \_\_\_\_\_ how special and important they are.

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

- |     |                |              |                |                |
|-----|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) much       | (b) many     | (c) more       | (d) some       |
| 2.  | (a) made       | (b) did      | (c) took       | (d) gave       |
| 3.  | (a) roll       | (b) role     | (c) rolls      | (d) role model |
| 4.  | (a) took       | (b) did      | (c) made       | (d) came       |
| 5.  | (a) parent     | (b) parental | (c) parentage  | (d) parenting  |
| 6.  | (a) increase   | (b) up       | (c) rise       | (d) raise      |
| 7.  | (a) few        | (b) any      | (c) little     | (d) none       |
| 8.  | (a) takes      | (b) goes     | (c) brings     | (d) comes      |
| 9.  | (a) rising     | (b) bringing | (c) raising    | (d) breeding   |
| 10. | (a) popularity | (b) polar    | (c) popularize | (d) popular    |
| 11. | (a) truly      | (b) truth    | (c) truths     | (d) truthfully |
| 12. | (a) exactly    | (b) exact    | (c) exactness  | (d) exacted    |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. This rdeastt in July 1994
2. tuisorppgn the role of parents
3. campaigning by religious ldasere
4. a day to tmepoor responsible parenting
5. One important eetmh
6. leading to a rise in sacoli problems

### Paragraph 2

7. the most aitntormp responsibility
8. the most powerful ahmun bond
9. the duty of every arpetn
10. the most rlapoup activities
11. so many yrult wonderful parents
12. parents and children know cexatly

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) both of our parents. The law says Parents' Day is for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role
- ( **1** ) Everyone knows Mother's Day and Father's Day, but not many people know about Parents' Day. This started
- ( ) it was important to have a day to promote responsible parenting. Parents must also celebrate their children on this
- ( ) powerful human bond. Becoming and being a parent brings countless joys and happiness. It becomes the responsibility
- ( ) be an almost life-long endeavour. One of the most popular activities in many communities is to honor
- ( ) say the increase in one-parent families is leading to a rise in social problems.
- ( ) of every parent to uphold their duty of raising their God-given gift with love, care and support. Being a parent can
- ( ) day. One important theme is to strengthen the idea of the traditional, two-parent family. Campaigners
- ( ) Parenthood is the most important responsibility any of us can have. The parent-child relationship is the most
- ( ) and children know exactly how special and important they are.
- ( ) of parents in the rearing of children". The day came about because of campaigning by religious leaders. They decided
- ( ) wonderful parents. Make sure that on this Parent's Day, your parents
- ( ) "Parents of the Year". It is an almost impossible decision to make because there are so many truly
- ( ) in July 1994. President Bill Clinton signed a law that made the fourth Sunday of July a day we can celebrate

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. about Day many know Parents' Not people

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2. can parents celebrate A both day of we our

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3. rearing of of parents children in The the role

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4. to responsible Have day promote parenting a

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5. rise social Leading a in problems to

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6. any The of most us important can responsibility have

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7. brings parent a Being joys countless

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8. activities many The popular in communities most

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9. is It make to decision impossible almost an

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10. are many wonderful There so truly parents

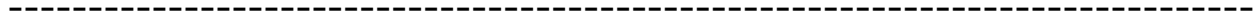
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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**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 PARENTS' DAY SURVEY

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

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Parents' 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 Parents' 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.