

WORLD FREEDOM DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

World Freedom Day is a celebration started by former U.S. President George W. Bush. It commemorates the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The tearing down of the Berlin Wall was the beginning of the end for communist rule in many parts of Europe. Bush started it in 2003 and made it an official American holiday, although people still go to work. Bush said: "After dividing families, friends, and communities for 28 years, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall reunited Germany and helped spread freedom across Central and Eastern Europe." President Bush explained the importance of this day, saying: "The United States is committed to liberty, freedom, and the universal struggle for human rights. We strive to advance peace and democracy."

The Berlin Wall was put up by the former German Democratic Republic (known as East Germany) after WWII. It completely surrounded West Berlin, which was controlled by America and its allies. It was the start of what became known as the Iron Curtain. The wall was the physical symbol of the Cold War between Eastern Europe and the West. Throughout 1989, there was a lot of social unrest in East Germany. Citizens called for freedom. On November the 9th, 1989, the East German government said people could visit West Berlin. Thousands of East Germans climbed onto and crossed the wall. They started to break it down with hammers. The fall of the Berlin Wall led to the reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It commemorates the fall of | a. for communist rule |
| 2. the beginning of the end | b. American holiday |
| 3. an official | c. freedom |
| 4. dividing | d. the Berlin Wall |
| 5. helped spread | e. rights |
| 6. the universal struggle for human | f. families |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the former German | a. Curtain |
| 2. It completely surrounded | b. and crossed the wall |
| 3. the Iron | c. Democratic Republic |
| 4. a lot of social | d. of Germany |
| 5. East Germans climbed onto | e. West Berlin |
| 6. the reunification | f. unrest |

LISTENING GAP FILL

World Freedom Day is _____ by former U.S. President George W. Bush. It commemorates _____ Berlin Wall in 1989. The tearing down of the Berlin Wall was the beginning of the end for communist rule _____ of Europe. Bush started it in 2003 and made it an official American holiday, although people _____. Bush said: "After dividing families, friends, and communities for 28 years, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall reunited Germany _____ freedom across Central and Eastern Europe." President Bush explained the importance of this day, saying: "The United States is _____, freedom, and the universal struggle for human rights. We strive to advance peace and democracy."

The Berlin Wall _____ former German Democratic Republic (known as East Germany) after WWII. It _____ West Berlin, which was controlled by America and its allies. It was the start of _____ as the Iron Curtain. The wall was _____ of the Cold War between Eastern Europe and the West. Throughout 1989, there was a lot of social unrest in East Germany. Citizens _____. On November the 9th, 1989, the East German government said people could visit West Berlin. Thousands of East Germans climbed onto and crossed the wall. They started to break it _____. The fall of the Berlin Wall led to the reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

U.S. President George W. Bush. It commemorates the _____ of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The _____ down of the Berlin Wall was the beginning of the end for communist _____ in many parts of Europe. Bush started it in 2003 and made it an official American holiday, although people _____ go to work. Bush said: "After dividing families, friends, and communities for 28 years, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall _____ Germany and helped _____ freedom across Central and Eastern Europe." President Bush explained the importance of this day, saying: "The United States is committed to _____, freedom, and the universal struggle for human rights. We strive to _____ peace and democracy."

reunited

rule

liberty

fall

spread

tearing

advance

still

The Berlin Wall was _____ up by the former German Democratic Republic (known as East Germany) after WWII. It completely _____ West Berlin, which was controlled by America and its allies. It was the start of what became _____ as the Iron Curtain. The wall was the _____ symbol of the Cold War between Eastern Europe and the West. Throughout 1989, there was a lot of _____ unrest in East Germany. Citizens called for freedom. On November the 9th, 1989, the East German government said people could _____ West Berlin. Thousands of East Germans climbed onto and crossed the wall. They started to _____ it down with hammers. The fall of the Berlin Wall _____ to the reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.

known

social

break

put

led

surrounded

physical

visit

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

World Freedom Day is a celebration started by *farmer / former* U.S. President George W. Bush. It commemorates the *fall / fell* of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The tearing down of the Berlin Wall was the beginning of the end for communist *rule / ruler* in many parts of Europe. Bush started it in 2003 and made it an official American holiday, although people *still / yet* go to work. Bush said: "After *division / dividing* families, friends, and communities for 28 years, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall reunited Germany and helped *spread / spreading* freedom across Central and Eastern Europe." President Bush explained the importance of this day, *said / saying*: "The United States is committed to liberty, freedom, and the universal struggle for human rights. We strive to *advance / forwards* peace and democracy."

The Berlin Wall was put *down / up* by the former German Democratic Republic (*known / knowing* as East Germany) after WWII. It completely surrounded West Berlin, which was *controls / controlled* by America and its allies. It was the start of what became known as the Iron Curtain. The wall was the *physique / physical* symbol of the Cold War between Eastern Europe and the West. Throughout 1989, there was a lot of *social / socially* unrest in East Germany. Citizens called for freedom. On November the 9th, 1989, the East German government said people could *visit / visitor* West Berlin. Thousands of East Germans climbed *into / onto* and crossed the wall. They started to break it down with hammers. The fall of the Berlin Wall *led / fed* to the reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Freedom Day is a celebration started by former U.S. President George W. Bush. It commemorates the (1) _____ of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The tearing down of the Berlin Wall was the beginning of the (2) _____ for communist rule in many parts of Europe. Bush started it in 2003 and made it an (3) _____ American holiday, although people still go to work. Bush said: "After dividing families, friends, and communities for 28 years, the dismantling of the Berlin Wall (4) _____ Germany and helped spread freedom across Central and Eastern Europe." President Bush explained the (5) _____ of this day, saying: "The United States is committed to liberty, freedom, and the universal struggle for human rights. We strive to (6) _____ peace and democracy."

The Berlin Wall was (7) _____ up by the former German Democratic Republic (known as East Germany) after WWII. It completely (8) _____ West Berlin, which was controlled by America and its allies. It was the start of what became known as the Iron Curtain. The wall was the physical (9) _____ of the Cold War between Eastern Europe and the West. Throughout 1989, there was a lot of (10) _____ unrest in East Germany. Citizens called for freedom. On November the 9th, 1989, the East German government said people could visit West Berlin. Thousands of East Germans climbed (11) _____ and crossed the wall. They started to break it down with hammers. The fall of the Berlin Wall (12) _____ to the reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) fell | (b) fall | (c) fallen | (d) falls |
| 2. | (a) middle | (b) start | (c) top | (d) end |
| 3. | (a) official | (b) officers | (c) officially | (d) officials |
| 4. | (a) reunion | (b) reunited | (c) reunions | (d) reuniting |
| 5. | (a) imports | (b) important | (c) importance | (d) importantly |
| 6. | (a) forwards | (b) ahead | (c) straight | (d) advance |
| 7. | (a) but | (b) build | (c) put | (d) give |
| 8. | (a) surrounded | (b) surrounds | (c) surrounding | (d) surrender |
| 9. | (a) symbolic | (b) symbolize | (c) symbolism | (d) symbol |
| 10. | (a) socially | (b) socialism | (c) social | (d) socialize |
| 11. | (a) into | (b) onto | (c) in | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) led | (b) fed | (c) red | (d) wed |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. emofrr U.S. President
2. The atrenig down of the Berlin Wall
3. an ialfcfoi American holiday
4. helped dprsea freedom
5. the motrecaipn of this day
6. peace and drcaoemcy

Paragraph 2

7. completely nrduusdero
8. America and its elslia
9. the Iron atriCun
10. social stenur
11. visit West Berlin
12. baekr it down

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () allies. It was the start of what became known as the Iron Curtain. The wall was the physical symbol of the Cold
- () down with hammers. The fall of the Berlin Wall led to the reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.
- () War between Eastern Europe and the West. Throughout 1989, there was a lot of social unrest in East Germany. Citizens called
- () of the Berlin Wall in 1989. The tearing down of the Berlin Wall was the beginning of the
- () Berlin. Thousands of East Germans climbed onto and crossed the wall. They started to break it
- () of the Berlin Wall reunited Germany and helped spread freedom across Central and Eastern Europe." President Bush
- () The Berlin Wall was put up by the former German Democratic Republic (known as East Germany) after
- () for freedom. On November the 9th, 1989, the East German government said people could visit West
- () still go to work. Bush said: "After dividing families, friends, and communities for 28 years, the dismantling
- () the universal struggle for human rights. We strive to advance peace and democracy."
- () WWII. It completely surrounded West Berlin, which was controlled by America and its
- () end for communist rule in many parts of Europe. Bush started it in 2003 and made it an official American holiday, although people
- () explained the importance of this day, saying: "The United States is committed to liberty, freedom, and
- (**1**) World Freedom Day is a celebration started by former U.S. President George W. Bush. It commemorates the fall

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. It commemorates the fall of the Berlin Wall.

2. The beginning of the end for communist rule.

3. The dismantling of the Berlin Wall reunited Germany.

4. The United States is committed to liberty.

5. We strive to advance peace and democracy.

6. Put up by the former German Democratic Republic.

7. What became known as the Iron Curtain.

8. There was a lot of social unrest.

9. Germans climbed onto and crossed the wall.

10. The reunification of Germany on October 3, 1990.

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 WORLD FREEDOM DAY SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Freedom 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 World Freedom 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.