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READING: World Laughter Day

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. joke | <u> E </u> | A. good |
| 2. laughter | _____ | B. the action or sound of laughing |
| 3. celebrate (v.) | _____ | C. a group of people who enjoy the same interests |
| 4. create (v.) | _____ | D. very bad |
| 5. positive | _____ | E. a funny story that makes people laugh |
| 6. club | _____ | F. an event or game where people try to be the best |
| 7. contest | _____ | G. to do something to remember a special day |
| 8. horrible | _____ | H. to make something new |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use Past Tense when necessary.

1. I really like the new library. It's a positive change at our school.
2. That was a really bad movie. It was _____.
3. How do you and your family _____ birthdays?
4. Our uncle loves to tell us funny _____ that make us all laugh.
5. My sister Sarah is a member of a music _____ at school.
6. Happiness and _____ are good for your health.
7. Who can run the fastest? Let's have a _____ and find out!
8. Leonardo Da Vinci _____ the Mona Lisa hundreds of years ago.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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Topic: Emotions

World Laughter Day



Do you know any good **jokes**¹? If you do, then you might want to tell them to your classmates on World **Laughter**² Day. People first **celebrated**³ World Laughter Day on January 10, 1998, in Mumbai, India. Only two years later, 10,000 people got together in Denmark and laughed. It was the largest group of people that ever got together and laughed. Dr. Madan Kataria **created**⁴ this special day as a way for people “to change themselves and to change the world in a peaceful and **positive**⁵ way”, and people around the world now celebrate it on the first Sunday of May every year. World Laughter Day is so popular that there are more than 6,000 laughter **clubs**⁶ in more than 105 countries. People who are members of laughter clubs meet in large, open spaces like parks where they laugh and have laughter **contests**⁷. The contest winners include best laughing man, best laughing woman, best laughing child, **horrible**⁸ singer and person who laughs for no reason. Dr. Kataria says that “When you laugh, you change and when you change the whole world changes around you.” World Laughter Day doesn’t sound like a bad day at all!

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Grammar Practice

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1.

- (A) they
- (B) them
- (C) their

2.

- (A) your
- (B) you’re
- (C) yours

3.

- (A) celebrated
- (B) celebrate
- (C) celebrates

4.

- (A) in
- (B) on
- (C) at

5.

- (A) did
- (B) were
- (C) was

6.

- (A) on
- (B) at
- (C) in

7.

- (A) is
- (B) have
- (C) are

8.

- (A) then
- (B) than
- (C) thin

9.

- (A) meets
- (B) meet
- (C) meeting

10.

- (A) where
- (B) what
- (C) who

11.

- (A) winner
- (B) win
- (C) winners

12.

- (A) sounded
- (B) sounds
- (C) sound

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How Much Do You Understand?

● *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ World Laughter Day was created in Denmark.
2. _____ World Laughter Day is always on January 10.
3. _____ Dr. Kataria wants to change the world.
4. _____ There are more than 10,000 laughter clubs in the world.
5. _____ Horrible singers cannot join laughter clubs.
6. _____ World Laughter Day sounds like a good day.

Discuss

● *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Do you think World Laughter Day is a good idea? Why? / Why not?
2. What kinds of things make you laugh? Do you ever laugh for no reason?
3. Do you think your school (or class) should have a laughter contest?
Why? / Why not?

Write

● *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "World Laughter Day"

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes Present Simple Past Simple)

Vocabulary 196 words
A1 words-70% / **A2** words-16% / **B1** words-4%
AWL words in this text: *create, positive*
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

Level Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

ANSWER KEY Page 1

My Notes



● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|--------------------|
| 1. E | 1. positive |
| 2. B | 2. horrible |
| 3. G | 3. celebrate |
| 4. H | 4. joke s |
| 5. A | 5. club |
| 6. C | 6. laughter |
| 7. F | 7. contest |
| 8. D | 8. create d |

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● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. C |
| 2. A | 8. B |
| 3. A | 9. B |
| 4. B | 10. A |
| 5. C | 11. C |
| 6. A | 12. C |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*It was created in India.*)
2. F (*It is now on the first Sunday of May every year.*)
3. T
4. F (*The article says more than 6,000 laughter clubs.*)
5. F (*They are allowed to join laughter clubs.*)
6. T

Article Sources:

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- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Laughter_Day