

# WORLD FOOD DAY

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## THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

October the 16th is World Food Day (WFD). This date is when the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations started in 1945. WFD itself didn't start until 1979. It was created by the FAO at the Organization's 20th General Conference. Attendees suggested the idea of having a day to focus on food issues worldwide. Today, over 150 countries around the world celebrate WFD. The day hopes to raise awareness of many food-related problems. In particular, the tackling of poverty and hunger, and addressing potential disasters created by global warming and overpopulation. WFD has had a different theme since 1981. These have focused on poverty, hunger and malnutrition, food security, and the right to food.

Countries celebrate World Food Day in many different ways. There are events held all over the world. There are large campaigns in countries that experience serious food shortages. Many African nations organize thousands of activities. These have included planting potatoes in Angola to regenerating farms in Zimbabwe. In Europe, Spanish soccer star Raul served as the FAO's Goodwill Ambassador and appeared in many campaigns in Spain. Agriculture plays a big part in many campaigns. The industry plays a relatively small part in many developed countries, but it is essential for the survival of billions in poorer nations. A key issue for the success of WFD is for rich nations to give more development aid to poor countries.

## PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. WFD itself didn't              | a. on food issues            |
| 2. a day to focus                 | b. food-related problems     |
| 3. raise awareness of many        | c. created by global warming |
| 4. tackling of poverty and        | d. start until 1979          |
| 5. addressing potential disasters | e. food                      |
| 6. the right to                   | f. hunger                    |

### Paragraph 2

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. in many                   | a. of activities     |
| 2. events held all           | b. a big part        |
| 3. organize thousands        | c. different ways    |
| 4. regenerating              | d. to poor countries |
| 5. Agriculture plays         | e. over the world    |
| 6. give more development aid | f. farms in Zimbabwe |

## LISTENING GAP FILL

October the 16th is World Food Day (WFD). \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations started  
 in 1945. WFD \_\_\_\_\_ 1979. It was created by the  
 FAO at the Organization's 20th General Conference. Attendees  
 \_\_\_\_\_ having a day to focus on food issues  
 worldwide. Today, over 150 countries around \_\_\_\_\_  
 WFD. The day hopes to raise awareness of many food-related  
 problems. In particular, \_\_\_\_\_ and hunger, and  
 addressing potential disasters created by global warming and  
 overpopulation. WFD has had a different theme since 1981. These  
 have focused on poverty, hunger and malnutrition, food security,  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

Countries celebrate World Food Day \_\_\_\_\_. There  
 are events held all over the world. There are large campaigns in  
 countries that experience \_\_\_\_\_. Many African  
 nations organize thousands of activities. These have  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in Angola to regenerating farms in Zimbabwe.  
 In Europe, Spanish soccer star Raul served as the FAO's Goodwill  
 Ambassador and appeared \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain.  
 Agriculture plays a big part in many campaigns. The industry plays a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in many developed countries, but it is  
 essential for the survival of billions in poorer nations. A key issue for  
 the success of WFD \_\_\_\_\_ give more development  
 aid to poor countries.

## WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

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

October the 16th is World Food Day (WFD). This \_\_\_\_\_ is when the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations started in 1945. WFD \_\_\_\_\_ didn't start until 1979. It was created by the FAO at the Organization's 20th General Conference. Attendees suggested the \_\_\_\_\_ of having a day to focus on food issues worldwide. Today, over 150 countries around the world celebrate WFD. The day hopes to \_\_\_\_\_ awareness of many food-related problems. In particular, the \_\_\_\_\_ of poverty and hunger, and addressing potential disasters \_\_\_\_\_ by global warming and overpopulation. WFD has had a different theme since 1981. These have \_\_\_\_\_ on poverty, hunger and malnutrition, food security, and the \_\_\_\_\_ to food.

*tackling*

*date*

*created*

*idea*

*right*

*itself*

*focused*

*raise*

Countries celebrate World Food Day in many different \_\_\_\_\_. There are events \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world. There are large campaigns in countries that experience \_\_\_\_\_ food shortages. Many African nations organize thousands of activities. These have included \_\_\_\_\_ potatoes in Angola to regenerating farms in Zimbabwe. In Europe, Spanish soccer star Raul \_\_\_\_\_ as the FAO's Goodwill Ambassador and appeared in many campaigns in Spain. Agriculture plays a big \_\_\_\_\_ in many campaigns. The industry plays a relatively small part in many developed countries, but it is essential for the \_\_\_\_\_ of billions in poorer nations. A key issue for the \_\_\_\_\_ of WFD is for rich nations to give more development aid to poor countries.

*serious*

*served*

*survival*

*ways*

*success*

*planting*

*held*

*part*

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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

October the 16th is World Food Day (WFD). This date is when the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations *starting / started* in 1945. WFD itself didn't start until 1979. It was *creation / created* by the FAO at the Organization's 20th General Conference. Attendees suggested the idea of having a day *to / for* focus on food issues worldwide. Today, over 150 countries around the world celebrate WFD. The day *hopefully / hopes* to raise awareness of many food-related problems. In particular, the tackling *by / of* poverty and hunger, and addressing potential disasters created by global *warmth / warming* and overpopulation. WFD has had a different theme since 1981. These have focused on poverty, hunger / hungry and malnutrition, food *securely / security*, and the right to food.

Countries celebrate World Food Day in many different ways. There are events held all over the world. There are large campaigns in countries that experience serious food shortages. Many African nations organize thousands of activities. These have included planting potatoes in Angola to regenerating farms in Zimbabwe. In Europe, Spanish soccer star Raul served as the FAO's Goodwill Ambassador and appeared in many campaigns in Spain. Agriculture plays a big part in many campaigns. The industry plays a relatively small part in many developed countries, but it is essential for the survival of billions in poorer nations. A key issue for the success of WFD is for rich nations to give more development aid to poor countries.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

October the 16th is World Food Day (WFD). This date is when the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the United Nations started in 1945. WFD itself didn't start until 1979. It was (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by the FAO at the Organization's 20th General Conference. Attendees suggested the idea of having a day (3) \_\_\_\_\_ focus on food issues worldwide. Today, over 150 countries around the world (4) \_\_\_\_\_ WFD. The day hopes to raise awareness of many food-related problems. In particular, the tackling of poverty and (5) \_\_\_\_\_, and addressing potential disasters created by global warming and overpopulation. WFD has had a different theme since 1981. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ have focused on poverty, hunger and malnutrition, food security, and the right to food.

Countries celebrate World Food Day in many different (7) \_\_\_\_\_. There are events held all over the world. There are large campaigns in countries that experience serious food (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Many African nations organize thousands of activities. These have included planting potatoes in Angola (9) \_\_\_\_\_ regenerating farms in Zimbabwe. In Europe, Spanish soccer star Raul served as the FAO's Goodwill Ambassador and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in many campaigns in Spain. Agriculture plays a big part in many campaigns. The industry plays a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ small part in many developed countries, but it is essential for the survival of billions in poorer nations. A key issue for the success of WFD is for rich nations to give more (12) \_\_\_\_\_ aid to poor countries.

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

- |     |                |                 |                 |                |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) by         | (b) to          | (c) as          | (d) of         |
| 2.  | (a) creative   | (b) created     | (c) creation    | (d) creates    |
| 3.  | (a) to         | (b) for         | (c) at          | (d) so         |
| 4.  | (a) celebrity  | (b) celebration | (c) celebrate   | (d) celebrates |
| 5.  | (a) hungered   | (b) hungers     | (c) hunger      | (d) hungering  |
| 6.  | (a) These      | (b) This        | (c) Them        | (d) They       |
| 7.  | (a) way        | (b) weighs      | (c) weigh       | (d) ways       |
| 8.  | (a) shortages  | (b) shortage    | (c) shorts      | (d) shorten    |
| 9.  | (a) at         | (b) to          | (c) from        | (d) and        |
| 10. | (a) appearance | (b) appears     | (c) appearing   | (d) appeared   |
| 11. | (a) relations  | (b) relatively  | (c) relative    | (d) relativity |
| 12. | (a) developing | (b) developed   | (c) development | (d) developer  |

## SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

### Paragraph 1

1. eartstd in 1945
2. drteca by the FAO
3. focus on food ssueis
4. erisa awareness
5. tackling pvrtyeo
6. food crseituy

### Paragraph 2

7. many rfienetdf ways
8. serious food hsagtsroe
9. thousands of ctivsaiite
10. epdevdloe countries
11. the survival of iolsnibl
12. rich tisanon

## PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) countries around the world celebrate WFD. The day hopes to raise awareness of many food-related problems. In particular,
- ( ) essential for the survival of billions in poorer nations. A key issue for the success of WFD is
- ( ) poverty, hunger and malnutrition, food security, and the right to food.
- ( ) Nations started in 1945. WFD itself didn't start until 1979. It was created by the FAO at the Organization's
- ( ) star Raul served as the FAO's Goodwill Ambassador and appeared in many campaigns in Spain. Agriculture plays a big
- ( ) the tackling of poverty and hunger, and addressing potential disasters created by global
- ( ) part in many campaigns. The industry plays a relatively small part in many developed countries, but it is
- ( ) 20th General Conference. Attendees suggested the idea of having a day to focus on food issues worldwide. Today, over 150
- ( ) for rich nations to give more development aid to poor countries.
- ( ) warming and overpopulation. WFD has had a different theme since 1981. These have focused on
- ( ) of activities. These have included planting potatoes in Angola to regenerating farms in Zimbabwe. In Europe, Spanish soccer
- ( ) campaigns in countries that experience serious food shortages. Many African nations organize thousands
- ( ) Countries celebrate World Food Day in many different ways. There are events held all over the world. There are large
- ( **1** ) October the 16th is World Food Day (WFD). This date is when the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United

## SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Food WFD the World ( October is Day ). 16th

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2. until itself start 1979 WFD didn't.

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3. on A food day issues to worldwide focus.

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4. many food Raise - awareness related of problems.

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5. theme has since had 1981 a different WFD.

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6. events world held all There over are the.

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7. Countries experience food that serious shortages.

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8. big part Agriculture in plays many a campaigns.

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9. part in A many relatively developed small countries.

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10. countries poor to aid development more Give.

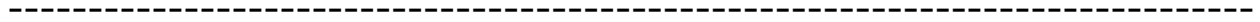
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**DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**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 WORLD FOOD DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Food 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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 Food Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about World Food 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 Food 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.