



IELTS READING LESSON 9/10/2019

Section One Vocabulary

Match the correct word in column A with the definition in column B, then use in a sample sentence.

Column A	Column B
VOCABULARY	DEFINITION
1. Influential (adj)	A. an interest in something
2. Withdrawn (adj)	B. continue to have (something); keep possession of.
3. Spotlight (noun)	C. having an effect on other people that makes them change the way they do things
4. Spark (noun)	D. to decide or influence the form of something, especially a belief or idea, or someone's character.
5. To retain (verb)	E. a place where everyone is looking at you; the front of the stage
6. To shape (verb)	F. not wanting to communicate with other people/ shy, quiet
7. Feature (verb)	G. have as a prominent attribute or aspect.

Section Two Reading

ARTICLE A World teachers' day

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- Who shapes the person you are the most? Parents or other family members are probably at the top of the list for many people. But a close second place is very likely to go to a teacher. Some of the most influential and successful people in the world have a teacher in their childhood to thank for their success.



- The teachers behind famous people:**

Can you imagine life without a personal computer? Well, without two of Bill Gates's high school teachers, that could be our world today. Gates's maths teacher, Fred Wright, asked him to push himself just a little bit harder. Maybe that's why the founder of Microsoft sometimes slept under his desk in the office instead of going home to relax after work. And his drama teacher, Anne Stephens, helped him discover a love of the spotlight when she made the sometimes-withdrawn schoolboy the star of the school play. Gates thanked his teachers, saying, 'There's no way there would be a Microsoft without them doing what they did.'

- And he's not the only one. Oprah Winfrey, talk show host, actress, and TV producer, was inspired by her fourth grade (age 9–10) teacher, Mrs. Duncan. Because of her, Oprah says, 'I felt I could take on the world. You did exactly what teachers are supposed to do. They create a spark for learning that lives with you from then on. It's why I have a talk show today.'

- An adult you can trust**

For some children, teachers are the only positively influential people in their lives. Antwone Fisher, a best-selling writer, grew up in foster homes and didn't have many adults that he could trust. But a primary school teacher, Mrs. Proffitt, was the first adult he ever trusted. 'She spoke to all of us the same way – with respect. No one spoke to me that way before. I think that being with her for three years made all the difference.'

- Celebrate teachers**

There are thousands of more stories like this, from famous people and ordinary people all across the world. That's why UNESCO celebrates teachers on 5 October every year. UNESCO wants us to remember that education is a basic human right and every child should have free education. UNESCO hopes to train 69 million new teachers by 2030 so that everyone can go to school, because, sadly, 264 million children in the world today are not in school because there aren't enough teachers. Those children are often in places where life is already very difficult because they live in poor areas or far away from cities and towns, or they are escaping the war in their own countries.





6. A day to say 'Thank you'

So if you have a teacher, you're one of the lucky ones. One day, you'll probably look back at your life, your successes, the dreams you've made come true or the difficult things you've survived. The chances are high that you'll find a teacher's words have helped you achieve these things. Perhaps you already know who that teacher will be. Why not find them and say thank you today on World Teachers' Day?

World teachers' day around the world.

7. Teaching is the most influential job in the world. Teachers are known to shape the mind of youth and without knowledge, no one can exist in this world. The teacher imparts good value in children and turns them into responsible citizens. So, almost every country celebrates Teacher's Day.
8. World Teacher's Day commemorates a global document - first adopted in 1996 - which sets out the rights and responsibilities of teachers. Google has celebrated the day with a Doodle which features a spectacle-wearing multitasking octopus in front of a blackboard. World Teachers' Day, which falls on 5 October every year, aims to focus on "appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world". The theme this year is "Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession" and organizers are drawing attention to the need to think about ways to draw "the brightest minds and young talents in the profession".
9. Countries across the world choose to celebrate their own educators in a wide range of ways on various dates throughout the year. In Estonia, teachers are so revered that some of them get to go home, while students carry out the lessons by themselves. In Vietnam, where the day is celebrated on 20 November, when students often pay a visit to their teachers' homes to give them presents and flowers, throw parties at their schools or arrange outings.
10. The day falls on the 28 March in the Czech Republic to mark the birthday of John Amos Comenius – a Czech educational reformer and philosopher deemed to be the father of modern education. Teacher's Day is on 1 December in Panama and pays tribute to the birth date of Manuel Jose Hurtado – a civil engineer and educator deemed to be the father of education in the Central American country. He set up the first public schools and teachers' colleges in an attempt to raise literacy levels and tackle endemic deprivation.
11. In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September and this tradition started in 1962. This is when Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born. He was a philosopher, scholar, teacher, and politician and his dedicated work towards education made his birthday an important day in the history of India. We remember the great work of this exemplary person on this day.
12. In his book titled, "Political Thinkers of Modern India", he signified the importance of teachers and education in a country like Democratic India which was still in its early years of development. According to him, there is a huge role of teachers in nation-building and for that sake, teachers should be respected more. Apart from being a thinker and teacher, he was also a philosopher. He once wrote a book on Bhaagwad Gita and there he defined a teacher as, "The one who emphasizes on presentation to converge different currents of thoughts to the same end".

ARTICLE B World teachers' day: 2019 theme and highlights of education needs.

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1. world Teachers' Day recognizes the contribution educators make to the world and reminds people to show their gratitude for the teachers who impacted their own lives. Celebrated annually on October 5, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) established World Teachers' Day more than 20 years ago. This year's theme is "Young Teachers: The Future of the Profession" and aims to highlight the unique difficulties facing teachers face in the present-day.
2. "While teachers were once highly respected professionals, valued, trusted and accepted as inspirational role models for young people, nowadays they too easily serve as scapegoats for the failures of education systems," a concept note for the occasion on UNESCO's website explained.



3. The note also pointed out a number of problems facing teachers, including the fact that families no longer automatically support the teacher's authority over the classroom and their students. Another problem in the education sector, according to UNESCO, is the idea that technology, artificial intelligence, and automation will make human tasks redundant.
4. Now, there's a concern that not enough young people are pursuing education as a profession, meaning there could be a teacher shortage as older educators retire in the coming decade. To meet United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, UNESCO estimates that more than 69 million primary and secondary education teachers must be recruited by 2030.
5. Without a new generation of motivated teachers, millions of learners will miss out, or continue to miss out on their right to quality education. With teachers being underpaid and undervalued, attracting and retaining talent is a challenge," UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay and the leaders of the International Labour Organization (ILO), UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme and Educational International wrote in a joint message.
6. World Teachers' Day was established in 1994 to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the ILO/UNESCO recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. The recommendation created benchmarks for teachers' rights and responsibilities and set standards for their preparation, continuing education, employment and teaching, and learning conditions.
7. "Above all, we celebrate the work of dedicated teachers around the world who continue to strive every day to ensure that 'inclusive and equitable quality education' and the promotion of 'lifelong learning opportunities for all' become a reality in every corner of the globe," the joint message stated.