

World Teachers' Day

Do you have a favourite teacher? World Teachers' Day, on 5 October, is a day to say thank you to teachers everywhere!

Instructions

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the article and do the other exercises.

Preparation

Match the definitions (a-h) with the vocabulary (1-8).

Vocabulary	Definition
1. ...g... a million	a. existing or happening in all parts of the world
2. education	b. something you must do or take care of
3. a human right	c. using your ideas to do something new and interesting
4. worldwide	d. able to wait a long time without feeling angry
5. patient	e. learning in a school
6. creative	f. to respect and like someone
7. a responsibility	g. the number 1,000,000
8. to admire someone	h. something that every person should have, like the right to be safe or treated fairly

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Teachers have a very special and important job because they play a big part in helping children learn, grow and do well in life. On World Teachers' Day, on 5 October every year, we say thanks to teachers for all the hard work they do.

Teachers around the world

Do you know how many teachers there are around the world? More than 90 million! That's a lot of teachers helping children learn.

Education is a human right, and every child should have free education, but unfortunately millions of children in the world are not in school. Most of those children live in places where life is difficult – some live in poor areas or far away from cities and towns, or for some there is war in their countries.

One of the reasons that so many children can't go to school is that there aren't enough teachers worldwide. To make sure every child can go to school by 2030, we'll need an extra 69 million teachers in the world. Would you like to be a teacher one day?

How to become a teacher

To be a teacher, you need to study hard and learn many things. Teachers go to college or university and do special training. They learn about different subjects and how to teach them to students.

Teachers have to listen to their students and understand how they feel, so they need to be patient and kind. Many teachers are very creative and make learning fun for their students. If you enjoy helping people learn, teaching might be a great job for you in the future!

Say thank you to teachers

Teaching can be a difficult job because teachers must help all their students, and every student has different needs. Often there are a lot of children in a class. Teachers work long hours and have lots of responsibilities. So, take a moment to say thank you to your teachers this World Teachers' Day!

How to celebrate World Teachers' Day

On World Teachers' Day, you could give your teacher a card, some flowers or a small present. You could draw them a picture or write them a letter or a poem. Some schools organise special events, for example where students do things like singing a song or doing a dance for their teachers.

Whatever you do this World Teachers' Day, be sure to tell your teacher how much you admire and respect them. Happy World Teachers' Day!

Tasks

Task 1

Circle the best answer.

1. There are about ____ teachers in the world.
a. nine thousand b. nine million c. 90 million
2. One reason why a lot of children in the world don't go to school is because there aren't enough ____.
a. computers b. teachers c. books
3. Many of these children live in ____ places.
a. poor b. rich c. big
4. We need ____ more teachers so that every child can go to school by 2030.
a. six million b. nine million c. 69 million
5. To become a teacher, you need to ____.
a. study at college or university b. speak a lot of different languages c. be able to shout very loudly
6. Teaching may be a good job for you if you like ____.
a. working alone b. working outside c. helping people learn

Task 2

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. job. very special and important have a Teachers

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2. and do They help well in life. learn children

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3. to be need Teachers and kind. patient

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4. long responsibilities. Teachers work have lots of hours and

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5. to your World Teachers' Day! thank you Say teachers on

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6. your teachers Tell respect them. admire and how much you

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Write and draw

Who is your favourite teacher? Why do you like them? Write about them and draw a picture.

Answers

Preparation task

1. g
2. e
3. h
4. a
5. d
6. c
7. b
8. f

Task 1

1. c
2. b
3. a
4. c
5. a
6. c

Task 2

1. Teachers have a very special and important job.
2. They help children learn and do well in life.
3. Teachers need to be patient and kind.
4. Teachers work long hours and have lots of responsibilities.
5. Say thank you to your teachers on World Teachers' Day!
6. Tell your teachers how much you admire and respect them.