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Reading

A Read the article about the 12th of October.

12th of October

The 12th of October is Spain's National Day. It is *Columbus Day* in the USA and a special day in most Spanish-speaking countries in the Americas. It used to be called *Day of the Races* in Spain, and people still know it by that name in many Latin American countries. 'Races' here refers to all the different people who make up the continent: the indigenous population (the native people who were living there before anyone else came) and all the other settlers; first from Europe, and then from Africa and Asia.

These days many countries have changed the name they used to have for the 12th of October. In Peru, it is now called *Day of the Indigenous People and Intercultural Dialogue*. In Chile it is *Day of Discovery of Two Worlds* and in Argentina they call it *Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity*. 'Diversity' means 'difference', and today the 12th of October is about celebrating this great mixture of people in the Americas.

Although it has many different names, the 12th of October was originally about the same event: the day Christopher Columbus arrived in America in 1492 and discovered a new world. Columbus wanted to find a new route to India, sailing west instead



of east. But nobody knew that the American continent was in the way, so instead of arriving in India, he arrived on an island in the Bahamas, not far from Florida in the USA. He thought he was in India, and so he called the people he first met 'Indians'. This is why indigenous people are still often incorrectly called 'Indians' in the Americas. For many of them, the 12th of October is not a day of celebration. They remember the settlers arriving and taking their land. From that day their world changed forever.

Today, in the USA, Spain and most Latin American countries, the 12th of October is a public holiday. Post offices, banks and the majority of shops are closed and students don't go to school or university. People spend the day with friends and family. Some have parties, some have lunches or dinners, some go on picnics, others have barbecues. There are also many parades celebrating the discovery of the Americas and the diversity this created. People dress up in different costumes and there is a lot of music and dancing. It's a loud and colourful party!

B Complete the *Exam Task*.

Exam Task

Read the article about the 12th of October again. Choose the best answer (A, B or C) for each question.

- Where is the 12th of October celebrated?
 - in Europe
 - in the USA
 - in Spain and the Americas
- Before it became Spain's National Day, the 12th of October was called...
 - Day of Discovery
 - Day of the Races
 - Columbus Day
- Who lived in the Americas before 1492?
 - people from India
 - Asians
 - indigenous people
- What does *Day of the Races* mean?
 - Day of Many Different People
 - Day of Indigenous People
 - Day of Running
- Who were the first settlers after 1492?
 - Asians
 - Europeans
 - Africans
- What do the new names for the 12th of October generally celebrate?
 - diversity
 - culture
 - discovery
- Columbus left Europe in order to...
 - discover America
 - land in the Bahamas
 - find a different way to get to India
- What is the wrong or mistaken name for indigenous people in the Americas?
 - natives
 - Indians
 - Americans
- Who feels unhappy about the 12th of October celebrations?
 - the Spanish
 - the Americans
 - the indigenous Americans
- What happens on the public holiday for the 12th of October?
 - everything is closed
 - most people don't go to work
 - there are lots of parades

(___ / 10 marks)

Vocabulary and Use your English

A Complete the sentences with the correct form of these phrasal verbs.

ask for call off get on hang out look forward to stay up

- 1 I always _____ my birthday because we usually go out for dinner.
- 2 Andres and Pablo _____ really well at the moment. They didn't use to.
- 3 'Where is Sally?' 'I think she _____ with Jessie and Linda in the café on the High Street.'
- 4 They _____ the garden party because of the rain.
- 5 I _____ for help but nobody heard me.
- 6 They are very tired because they _____ too late last night.

(___ / 6 marks)

B Circle the correct words.

- 1 Maggie is really good **company** / friend. Everybody wants to spend time with her.
- 2 You're very welcome. Please **do** / make yourself at home.
- 3 It was time to go home as it was **being** / getting late.
- 4 Don't **spend** / give so much time on the internet!
- 5 Let's **spend** / take a break now. I'm really tired.
- 6 My **laptop** / landline fits in my bag so I usually take it to work with me.
- 7 I need to go **online** / internet to send this email. Can I have the password?
- 8 Before email, our **letters** / mails took two or three days to arrive.
- 9 Now we write emails, click '**Go**' / '**Send**' and our message arrives immediately.
- 10 'What's your favourite **device** / digital?' 'My mobile phone. I use it for everything, from texting to surfing the net.'

(___ / 10 marks)

C Match 1–6 with a–f.

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| 1 The carpet in the living room looks so dusty. | a I know. I'll wash it at the weekend. |
| 2 Your room needs to look tidy when granny comes to stay. | b Well, we did the washing and the ironing yesterday. Why didn't you bring your clothes down? |
| 3 Oh, no! The kitchen is a mess! | c OK. I'll vacuum it after breakfast. |
| 4 Mum, dad! I haven't got any clean clothes! | d I'm going to make the bed and dust the furniture after school. |
| 5 Oh, dear! The bath and the mirror don't look very clean. | e Well, don't look at me. Cleaning the bathroom is Charlie's job. |
| 6 Your car is very dirty. It doesn't look very nice. | f Don't worry, mum. We're going to do the washing up in a minute. |

(___ / 6 marks)

D Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

Read the sentences about shopping. Choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space.

- 1 I often buy a ___ of chocolate when I get to the till at the supermarket.
A packet B carton C bar
- 2 I can't take this back to the shop because I lost the _____.
A cash B cashier C receipt
- 3 Maurice is ___ money to buy a new car.
A saving B renting C lending
- 4 There is a ___ over there full of different cans of soup. Just choose one.
A shelf B trolley C loaf
- 5 'Have you got any olives?' 'Yes, there is a ___ in the trolley.'
A packet B jar C can
- 6 There aren't any ___ at the tills. How can we pay for our shopping?
A cashiers B customers C trolleys
- 7 How much did you ___ for this? It looks really expensive.
A buy B spend C pay
- 8 How many ___ of bread do we need?
A loaf B loaves C bars

(___ / 8 marks)

Grammar

A Complete the sentences with the Present Continuous form of these verbs.

cook do fly meet tidy visit

- 1 Esteban and Jorge _____ after school tomorrow. They're going to the skate park.
- 2 Kamal can't come to our party because he _____ his grandparents.
- 3 Amelie _____ lunch for twelve people on Sunday.
- 4 When Denis and Ann go to America next month, they _____ economy because business class is too expensive.
- 5 I _____ my room at the weekend because it's a mess.
- 6 I _____ my homework after dinner. I can't watch TV.

(___ / 6 marks)

B Circle the correct words.

- 1 **At / In** the end of the week, we're all meeting for dinner.
- 2 They drove **in front of / towards** their new home feeling more and more excited.
- 3 Come and sit **on / at** the table please. We're having lunch.
- 4 Susie ran **into / onto** her room crying.
- 5 I'm meeting him **at / on** three o'clock.
- 6 What's happening **at / on** the 2nd of June?
- 7 The best time to visit is **in / on** May.
- 8 I think it's **in / on** the left.

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C Complete the questions and sentences with the correct form of *will* or *be going to* and the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Where _____ (you / spend) the weekend? What are your plans?
- 2 Henry _____ (look) for a job in Italy because he wants to learn Italian.
- 3 _____ (you / help) me carry my bags, please?
- 4 I know you're very tired. I _____ (cook) dinner tonight. OK?
- 5 Do you think Annie _____ (pass) her exams?
- 6 Sorry, I have to go. I _____ (meet) Alicia at the station.
- 7 _____ (you / do) the washing up this evening?
- 8 Sorry, mum. _____ (I / go) to football practice after supper.

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D Complete the Exam Task.

Exam Task

Read Mark's email to his friend, James. Write **ONE** word for each space.

From: Mark

To: James

Hi James,

How are you? I hope you like your new school. My school is OK but they give us too (1)___ homework and there are a (2)___ of weird rules. For example, you can't eat (3)___ sweets or chocolate at break, but you can have (4)___ fruit, maybe (5)___ apple or a banana. But there a (6)___ good things about school now. We have a great uniform and there are (7)___ of new clubs. I've joined the sailing club and the chess club. They are great.

What about you? Have you got (8)___ new rules to remember? Are the after school clubs good?

Send me an email with your news.

Bye for now,

Mark

(___ / 8 marks)

