

An important day in the life of my father

It was December, 1971. It was a beautiful sunny day. The sun was shining and my father was outside with his friends. They were playing football when my grandfather told him to come inside. Sheikh Rashid, the Vice President of the UAE and ruler of Dubai was speaking on the radio.

My father and his family sat down and listened carefully. The news was very important. The UAE was born. All the Emirates were part of one country – the United Arab Emirates. My father's family were very excited. They went outside and had a big celebration with their neighbours. Everybody was eating and dancing. It was a very happy day for all Emiratis.

The next day, my father went to school. His geography teacher showed the class a map of the world. He pointed to the UAE and to the new red, green, white and black flag. My father and his friends were very proud to be a part of this new nation.

Read the story and decide if the statements are T (true) or F (false).

- 1. This story happened over 40 years ago.**
- 2. Sheikh Rashid was speaking on the TV.**
- 3. Everyone was happy about the news.**
- 4. My father didn't go to school the next day.**
- 5. My father and his friends felt pleased to be a part of the UAE.**