

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

International Women's Day (IWD) is _____ around the world on March 8 every year. It began as a _____ for better working conditions by women in New York at the _____ of the 20th century. The first official IWD was on February 28, 1909. No one knows for _____ why the date changed to March 8, but this is the date when thousands of women started _____ marches in New York's streets. The first international women's conference took place in 1910, in Denmark. Since then, IWD has spread around the world. Today it is an important day to _____ the economic, political and _____ contributions women have made to our world. Women can now be happier that things are moving in the right _____.

IWD is an _____ holiday in many countries, including Algeria, China, Cuba, Italy, Poland, Vietnam, and Zambia. All _____ the world, men give flowers and other gifts to the women in their lives - mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, teachers, etc. In Portugal and Romania, women _____ by having "women-only" dinners. IWD is a big _____ in India, where people hold celebrations throughout the day. Indian men want to show how important women are to their _____. All around the world women are becoming more _____ in business, entertainment, politics and other areas. There are over a _____ nations today with women leaders. However, IWD is still necessary to _____ the inequality millions of women still face.

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PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

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| 1. a campaign for better working | a. to our world |
| 2. at the turn of the | b. the date changed |
| 3. No one knows for sure why | c. in the right direction |
| 4. IWD has spread around | d. 20th century |
| 5. contributions women have made | e. the world |
| 6. things are moving | f. conditions by women |

Paragraph 2

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| 1. IWD is an official holiday | a. more powerful |
| 2. men give flowers and other gifts | b. of women still face |
| 3. women celebrate by having | c. in many countries |
| 4. people hold celebrations throughout | d. "women-only" dinners |
| 5. women are becoming | e. to the women in their lives |
| 6. highlight the inequality millions | f. the day |