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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Today sees an event that only happens once every 100 years. All the numbers in the time and date are the same – the number one. At 11 seconds past 11 minutes past 11 o'clock, the time will be 11.11.11 and the date will be 11.11.11. Some people believe mysteries of the universe happen on this day. Famous psychic Uri Geller believes the number represents "the need to find balance in life". He said: "When I see the number 1111, I pray for sick children and world peace." A new movie released today called "11-11-11" predicts the opening to Hell.

November 11 is also remembered around the world for another important reason. It is Veterans Day in North America and Remembrance or Armistice Day in the U.K. This is the day when people remember the end of World War I on the 11th of November 1918. Fighting ended at 11am on that day. It is famously known as "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month". WWI was called "the War to End All Wars". Over 20 million people died in it.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1111/111111-111111.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. an event that only happens once | a. of the universe   |
| 2. All the numbers in the time and | b. released today    |
| 3. mysteries                       | c. date are the same |
| 4. the need to find                | d. for sick children |
| 5. I pray                          | e. every 100 years   |
| 6. A new movie                     | f. balance in life   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. remembered              | a. End All Wars        |
| 2. another important       | b. on that day         |
| 3. people remember the end | c. million people died |
| 4. Fighting ended at 11am  | d. around the world    |
| 5. the War to              | e. of World War I      |
| 6. Over 20                 | f. reason              |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1111/111111-111111.html>

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Today sees an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that only happens once every 100 years. All the numbers in the time and date are the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ – the number one. At 11 seconds past 11 minutes past 11 o'clock, the time will be 11.11.11 and the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ will be 11.11.11. Some people believe mysteries of the universe happen on this day. Famous psychic Uri Geller (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the number represents "the need to find balance (5) \_\_\_\_\_ life". He said: "When I see the number 1111, I pray for sick children and world (6) \_\_\_\_\_." A new movie released today called "11-11-11" predicts the opening to Hell.

November 11 is also remembered around the world for another important (7) \_\_\_\_\_. It is Veterans Day in North America and Remembrance or Armistice Day in the U.K. This is the day when people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of World War I on the 11th of November 1918. Fighting ended at 11am on that day. It is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ known (11) \_\_\_\_\_ "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month". WWI was (12) \_\_\_\_\_ "the War to End All Wars". Over 20 million people died in it.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |              |              |               |
|-----|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) even     | (b) event    | (c) eventful  |
| 2.  | (a) same     | (b) similar  | (c) identical |
| 3.  | (a) days     | (b) dating   | (c) date      |
| 4.  | (a) belief   | (b) believes | (c) believing |
| 5.  | (a) in       | (b) on       | (c) at        |
| 6.  | (a) piece    | (b) peace    | (c) peas      |
| 7.  | (a) why      | (b) goal     | (c) reason    |
| 8.  | (a) remember | (b) memory   | (c) memorize  |
| 9.  | (a) finish   | (b) last     | (c) end       |
| 10. | (a) famously | (b) fame     | (c) famous    |
| 11. | (a) has      | (b) as       | (c) was       |
| 12. | (a) call     | (b) calls    | (c) called    |

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# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. apnehps once every 100 years
2. the umnber one
3. sseeityrm of the universe
4. find Ineaabc in life
5. pray for sick deinlrhc
6. A new movie daeelesr today

## Paragraph 2

7. emedmeberr around the world
8. another important onraes
9. Fighting ndede at 11am
10. oausyflm known as
11. the eetehlvn month
12. 20 nliomli people died

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1111/111111-111111.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) famously known as "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh
- ( ) past 11 o'clock, the time will be 11.11.11 and the date will be 11.11.11. Some people believe
- ( ) November 11 is also remembered around the world for another
- ( **1** ) Today sees an event that only happens once every 100 years. All the numbers
- ( ) the 11th of November 1918. Fighting ended at 11am on that day. It is
- ( ) the U.K. This is the day when people remember the end of World War I on
- ( ) need to find balance in life". He said: "When I see the number 1111, I pray for sick
- ( ) in the time and date are the same – the number one. At 11 seconds past 11 minutes
- ( ) month". WWI was called "the War to End All Wars". Over 20 million people died in it.
- ( ) important reason. It is Veterans Day in North America and Remembrance or Armistice Day in
- ( ) children and world peace." A new movie released today called "11-11-11" predicts the opening to Hell.
- ( ) mysteries of the universe happen on this day. Famous psychic Uri Geller believes the number represents "the

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. event happens 100 An only every that once years.

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2. numbers time are The the date same in and the.

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3. minutes o'clock 11 11 11 At past past seconds.

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4. find to need The life in balance.

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5. pray world for peace sick children I and.

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6. 11 the is world also remembered November around.

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7. I people end War When the World remember of.

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8. 11am at ended Fighting day that on.

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9. the War to End All Wars ". WWI was called "

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10. died people million 20 Over it in.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. 11-11-11:** Search the Internet and find more information about 11-11-11. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about 11-11-11. Include an imaginary interview with people who think this day is important. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a date expert. Ask him/her three questions about 11-11-11. Give him/her three of your opinions on this day. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.