

Worksheet 3

READING COMPREHENSION

Exercise 1

WORLD CANCER DAY

Adapted from: http://www.eslHolidayLessons.com/02/world_cancer_day.html

MULTIPLE CHOICE

World Cancer Day (1) ___ on February the 4th each year. It aims to draw attention to the effect cancer has on the (2) ___ of millions around the world. Around 7 million people die each year from the different types of cancer. Eleven million new cases are reported (3) ___. World Cancer Day started in 2005 as part of the World Cancer Campaign. It followed the World Summit Against Cancer in the New Millennium, which took place in 2000. Many international organizations (4) ___ awareness campaigns and fundraising events on this day. In particular, the World Health Organization and the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) are very (5) ___. In 2008, the UICC promoted the "I love my smoke-free childhood year" against (6) ___ smoking.

Cancer is the (7) ___ and spread of damaged cells in the body that destroy or kill healthy cells. It can affect almost any part of the body. Common types of cancer (8) ___ lung cancer, breast cancer and stomach cancer. People can reduce the risk of getting cancer by (9) ___ common risk factors such as tobacco and drinking alcohol. Smoking is one of the biggest causes of lung cancer. Not all cancers will (10) ___ you. Many can be cured by surgery or by treatments such as chemotherapy. Cancer is the world's biggest (11) ___. It kills more people than AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria put together. Many deaths can be avoided. With adequate funding, health authorities could (12) ___ 40% of all cancers and cure 30% of those caught early.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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| 1. | (a) | fell | (b) | falls | (c) | falling | (d) | felled |
| 2. | (a) | living | (b) | live | (c) | lives | (d) | lived |
| 3. | (a) | annually | (b) | annual | (c) | annuals | (d) | annals |
| 4. | (a) | holds | (b) | holding | (c) | holder | (d) | hold |
| 5. | (a) | activity | (b) | actively | (c) | activities | (d) | active |
| 6. | (a) | passing | (b) | passer | (c) | passive | (d) | passivity |
| 7. | (a) | grown | (b) | growth | (c) | growers | (d) | grown-up |
| 8. | (a) | include | (b) | inclusive | (c) | includes | (d) | including |
| 9. | (a) | avoids | (b) | avoiding | (c) | avoid | (d) | avoidance |
| 10. | (a) | die | (b) | death | (c) | kill | (d) | murder |
| 11. | (a) | killer | (b) | murderer | (c) | assassin | (d) | criminal |
| 12. | (a) | prevention | (b) | prevents | (c) | preventing | (d) | prevent |