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Statue of Liberty opens again

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The Statue of Liberty in New York is open again. A lot of it has been closed since the terror attacks on New York on September the 11th, 2001. New York security experts decided no one could go up to the crown of the statue for security reasons. However, in the past eight years, Liberty has been made safer for tourists. There are two airport-style X-ray machines and only 30 visitors at a time can go inside. The 4th of July was a good time to reopen it. People had fun climbing the 364 stairs that take sightseers to the top.

I want to go to the Statue of Liberty. It is one of the most famous places in the world. I think everyone should go there once in their life. It is a symbol of freedom in the world. I hope there isn't another terrorist attack. The last one on 9/11 was too terrible for words. I don't understand terrorists. They are dangerous people. How could they kill so many innocent people? I'm sure the Statue of Liberty will still be there after the terrorists have gone. Her flame will always shine to give people hope.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the terror | a. reasons |
| 2. security | b. a time |
| 3. for security | c. ray machines |
| 4. airport-style X- | d. to the top |
| 5. 30 visitors at | e. experts |
| 6. take sightseers | f. attacks on New York |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. famous | a. for words |
| 2. a symbol of | b. always shine |
| 3. too terrible | c. places |
| 4. innocent | d. hope |
| 5. Her flame will | e. freedom |
| 6. give people | f. people |

LISTENING GAP FILL

The Statue of Liberty in New York is open again. _____
been closed _____ attacks on New York on September
the 11th, 2001. New York security experts decided no one could
_____ crown of the statue for security reasons.
However, in the past eight years, Liberty has been
_____ tourists. There are two airport-style X-ray
machines and only 30 visitors _____ inside. The 4th of
July was a good time to reopen it. People had fun climbing the
364 stairs that _____ to the top.

I _____ Statue of Liberty. It is one of the most famous
places in the world. I think everyone should go there once
_____. It is a _____ in the world. I hope
there isn't another terrorist attack. The last one on 9/11 was too
_____. I don't understand terrorists. They are
dangerous people. How could they kill so many _____?
I'm sure the Statue of Liberty will still be there after the terrorists
have gone. Her flame will always _____ people hope.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The Statue of Liberty in New York is open again. A (1) _____ of it has been closed (2) _____ the terror attacks on New York on September the 11th, 2001. New York security experts decided no one could go up to the crown of the statue (3) _____ security reasons. However, in the past eight years, Liberty has been made safer for tourists. There are two airport-(4) _____ X-ray machines and only 30 visitors at a time can go inside. The 4th of July was a good time to reopen it. People had (5) _____ climbing the 364 stairs that take sightseers to the top.

I want to go to the Statue of Liberty. It is one of the most famous places in the world. I think everyone should go there once in their (6) _____. It is a symbol of (7) _____ in the world. I hope there isn't another terrorist attack. The last one on 9/11 was too terrible for (8) _____. I don't understand terrorists. They are dangerous people. How could they kill (9) _____ many innocent people? I'm sure the Statue of Liberty will still be there after the terrorists have gone. Her flame will always shine to (10) _____ people hope.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) lots | (b) loads | (c) lot |
| 2. | (a) since | (b) for | (c) by |
| 3. | (a) for | (b) with | (c) to |
| 4. | (a) stylish | (b) style | (c) styles |
| 5. | (a) funny | (b) fun | (c) funniest |
| 6. | (a) live | (b) lively | (c) life |
| 7. | (a) freed | (b) free | (c) freedom |
| 8. | (a) letters | (b) words | (c) sentences |
| 9. | (a) so | (b) as | (c) such |
| 10. | (a) have | (b) do | (c) give |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. closed since the oretrr attacks
2. security etsexrp
3. the cownr of the statue
4. made safer for ostrsitu
5. X-ray mhiecsna
6. fun gnimlbic the 364 stairs

Paragraph 2

7. fasoum places
8. a symbol of eforedm
9. too terrible for rowsd
10. nuasgored people
11. cnoniten people
12. Her flame will always siehn

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () time to reopen it. People had fun climbing the 364 stairs that take sightseers to the top.
- () one on 9/11 was too terrible for words. I don't understand terrorists. They are dangerous people. How could they
- () style X-ray machines and only 30 visitors at a time can go inside. The 4th of July was a good
- (**1**) The Statue of Liberty in New York is open again. A lot of it has been closed since the terror attacks on New York on
- () go there once in their life. It is a symbol of freedom in the world. I hope there isn't another terrorist attack. The last
- () September the 11th, 2001. New York security experts decided no one could go up to the crown of the statue for security
- () the terrorists have gone. Her flame will always shine to give people hope.
- () I want to go to the Statue of Liberty. It is one of the most famous places in the world. I think everyone should
- () kill so many innocent people? I'm sure the Statue of Liberty will still be there after
- () reasons. However, in the past eight years, Liberty has been made safer for tourists. There are two airport-

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. Closed on since New the York terror attacks.

2. one No statue the of crown the to up go could.

3. style X - ray machines There are two airport -.

4. can visitors time inside 30 a go Only at.

5. fun had People stairs 364 the climbing.

6. world of famous the One most in the places.

7. once Everyone in should their go life there.

8. terrorist another isn't there hope I attack.

9. people kill so How many could innocent they?

10. always give will to hope flame shine people Her.

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. _____

WRITING

Write about freedom for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about freedom. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about freedom. Include imaginary interviews with people who grew up without freedom. 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 visitor to the Statue of Liberty. Ask him/her three questions about the statue. Give him/her three of your opinions on the statue and freedom. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.