

THE DALAI LAMA

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The Dalai Lama was born in Tibet on the 6th of July 1935. His real name is Tenzin Gyatso. He is the leader of Tibet's Buddhists but he lives in India, where thousands of his followers visit him. He is the world's most famous Buddhist monk. He campaigns for freedom in Tibet and peace in the world.

Tenzin became Dalai Lama when he was just two years old. He became Tibet's ruler in November 1950, when he was fifteen. This was just one month after China took over Tibet. His first big job was to try and save his country from Chinese rule. He tried for nine years, but then had to escape to India. He has never been back.

He traveled to the West – to Europe and the Americas. Thousands of people welcomed him. He has helped to spread love and harmony around the world. He gives speeches wherever he goes and he has won many awards. He got the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. He is always a famous figure on the news and is never without a huge smile.

The Dalai Lama has been one of the best-loved and most well-known world leaders for many decades. He continues to ask China to give his Tibetan people more control over their land. He makes Chinese leaders angry by talking about Tibet. One day he might meet them and talk about a better and brighter future.

238 words
Flesch Kinkaid 5.4

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 1. leader | a. fans |
| 2. followers | b. only |
| 3. campaigns | c. get away |
| 4. just | d. chief |
| 5. escape | e. returned |
| 6. been back | f. fights |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| 7. welcomed | g. prizes |
| 8. spread | h. famous |
| 9. awards | i. happier |
| 10. well-known | j. greeted |
| 11. control | k. increase |
| 12. brighter | l. power |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. His real | a. ruler in November 1950 |
| 2. He is the world's most | b. talking about Tibet |
| 3. He campaigns | c. speeches wherever he goes |
| 4. He became Tibet's | d. famous Buddhist monk |
| 5. save his country from | e. and brighter future |
| 6. spread love and harmony | f. Chinese rule |
| 7. He gives | g. for freedom in Tibet |
| 8. never without a huge | h. name is Tenzin Gyatso |
| 9. He makes Chinese leaders angry by | i. around the world |
| 10. talk about a better | j. smile |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

The Dalai Lama _____ Tibet on the 6th of July 1935. His real name is Tenzin Gyatso. He is _____ Tibet's Buddhists but he lives in India, where thousands of his followers visit him. He is _____ famous Buddhist monk. He campaigns for freedom in Tibet _____ the world.

Tenzin became Dalai Lama _____ two years old. He became Tibet's ruler in November 1950, when he was fifteen. This was _____ after China took over Tibet. His first big job was to try and save his country from Chinese rule. He tried for nine years, _____ escape to India. He has never been back.

He traveled to the West – to Europe and the Americas. Thousands of people _____. He has helped _____ and harmony around the world. He gives speeches _____ and he has won many awards. He got the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. He is always a famous figure on the news _____ without a huge smile.

The Dalai Lama has been _____ best-loved and most well-known world leaders _____. He continues to ask China to give his Tibetan people more control over their land. He makes Chinese leaders _____ about Tibet. One day he might meet them and talk _____ and brighter future.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

The Dalai Lama was *born / birth* in Tibet on the 6th of July 1935. His real name is Tenzin Gyatso. He is the *leader / leading* of Tibet's Buddhists but he lives in India, where thousands of his followers *visitors / visit* him. He is the world's most famous Buddhist monk. He campaigns for freedom in Tibet and *peace / piece* in the world.

Tenzin became Dalai Lama when he was just two years old. He became Tibet's *ruler / role* in November 1950, when he was fifteen. This was just one month after China *took / take* over Tibet. His first big job was to try and *safe / save* his country from Chinese rule. He tried for nine years, but then had to escape to India. He has never been *front / back*.

He traveled to the West – to Europe and the Americas. Thousands of people *welcoming / welcomed* him. He has helped to spread love and harmony around the *world / word*. He gives speeches wherever he goes and he has won many awards. He got the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. He is always a famous *number / figure* on the news and is never without a *huge / hug* smile.

The Dalai Lama has been one of the best-loved and most well-*known / knew* world leaders for many decades. He continues to ask China to *forgive / give* his Tibetan people more control over *there / their* land. He makes Chinese leaders angry by talking about Tibet. One day he might meet them and talk about a better and *brighter / brightest* future.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. He is the alrdee of Tibet's Buddhists
2. oahstsund of his followers visit him.
3. the world's most safoum Buddhist monk
4. He campaigns for dmreeof in Tibet

Paragraph 2

5. he was sjut two years old
6. He became Tibet's rleru
7. save his ntyrocu from Chinese for nine rule
8. esecpa to India

Paragraph 3

9. Thousands of people weoelmdc him
10. spread love and oaymhnr around the world
11. he has won many adwasr
12. never outiwth a huge smile.

Paragraph 4

13. He cousntnei to ask China
14. orcontl over their land
15. He makes Chinese leaders ranyg
16. a better and rirbteh future.

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () rule. He tried for nine years, but then had to escape to India. He has never been
- () most famous Buddhist monk. He campaigns for freedom in Tibet and peace in the world. Tenzin became Dalai Lama when
- () around the world. He gives speeches wherever he goes and he has won many
- () welcomed him. He has helped to spread love and harmony
- () one month after China took over Tibet. His first big job was to try and save his country from Chinese
- () smile. The Dalai Lama has been one of the best-loved and most well-known
- () over their land. He makes Chinese leaders angry
- () awards. He got the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. He is always a famous figure on the news and is never without a huge
- () of his followers visit him. He is the world's
- (**1**) The Dalai Lama was born in Tibet on the 6th of July 1935. His real name
- () he was just two years old. He became Tibet's ruler in November 1950, when he was fifteen. This was just
- () is Tenzin Gyatso. He is the leader of Tibet's Buddhists but he lives in India, where thousands
- () by talking about Tibet. One day he might meet them and talk about a better and brighter future.
- () world leaders for many decades. He continues to ask China to give his Tibetan people more control
- () back. He traveled to the West – to Europe and the Americas. Thousands of people

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

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

1. 1935 6th Tibet was The of on born Dalai July the in Lama

2. the is He monk Buddhist famous most world's

3. in Tibet and peace in the world He campaigns for

4. he was just two years old Tenzin became Dalai Lama when

5. He fifteen was he when 1950 November in ruler Tibet's became

6. never He been has back

7. around the world He has helped to spread love and harmony

8. got He 1989 in Prize Peace Nobel the

9. talking Chinese about leaders Tibet angry He by makes

10. better a future about talk brighter and

DALAI LAMA DISCUSSION:

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

1. What do you know about the Dalai Lama?
2. Would you like to meet the Dalai Lama?
3. What would you like to know about the Dalai Lama and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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DALAI LAMA DISCUSSION:

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

1. What did you learn from this text about the Dalai Lama?
2. What questions would you like to ask the Dalai Lama?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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THE DALAI LAMA SURVEY:

Write five questions about the Dalai Lama in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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 the Dalai Lama. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. DALAI LAMA POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of the Dalai Lama. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about the Dalai Lama. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the Dalai Lama. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Dalai Lama expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH:

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PHRASE MATCH:

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| 3. He campaigns | c. for freedom in Tibet |
| 4. He became Tibet's | d. ruler in November 1950 |
| 5. save his country from | e. Chinese rule |
| 6. spread love and harmony | f. around the world |
| 7. He gives | g. speeches wherever he goes |
| 8. never without a huge | h. smile |
| 9. He makes Chinese leaders angry by | i. talking about Tibet |
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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.