



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

WHAT ARE HUMAN RIGHTS?

Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world, from birth until death. Human rights belong to every individual, regardless of their gender, race, sex, religion, beliefs, nationality or ethnicity. The word 'rights' means that you have a legal entitlement to have or to do something. Human rights are needed to protect every individual's humanity, to ensure that every individual can live a life of dignity and a life that is worthy.



The Human Rights Act is a UK law that passed in 1998. It lets you defend your rights in UK courts and compels public organisations – including the Government, police and local councils – to treat everyone equally, with fairness, dignity and respect.

7 MAIN HUMAN RIGHTS

The main 7 human rights are:

- The right to free speech
- The right to a fair trial
- The right to an education
- The right to life
- Freedom from slavery
- Freedom of thought, religion and belief
- Freedom from discrimination

THE UNITED NATIONS (UN)

The United Nations is an organisation made up of representatives from different countries who work together to prevent and stop wars. They also work on human rights, ensuring that people all over the world have continuous improved conditions. There are currently 193 countries within the United Nations. It has been translated into over 500 languages. It was officially introduced on the 10th December 1948. Human Rights Day is now celebrated every year on this day.

INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE

- Malala Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her fight for the right of every child to receive an education.
- Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist, one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement. He organized and led marches for blacks' right to vote, desegregation and labour rights.
- Rosa Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott, when she refused to give up her seat to a white man.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What are human rights?
2. Why do we have human rights?
3. What are the 7 human rights?
4. How many languages has the Universal Declaration of Human Rights been translated to?
5. What date do we celebrate Human Rights Day on every year?