

## Black History Month: All you need to know

What do you know about Black History Month? Watch the video to find out more.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

#### Vocabulary

1. ..... to found
2. ..... a contribution
3. ..... heritage
4. ..... to overlook
5. ..... an award
6. ..... to donate to charity
7. ..... don't mind me
8. ..... to catch your breath

#### Definition

- a. to rest for a short time until you can breathe easily
- b. to start (a new business, organisation, event, etc.)
- c. a prize that is given to someone for an achievement
- d. something that you do to help achieve or produce something
- e. an expression used to tell people not to pay attention to you and to continue with what they are doing
- f. a person's racial, cultural and family history
- g. to not notice or consider
- h. to give money to an organisation that helps people in need

### Task 1

Write a number (1–5) to put the topics in the order that they are talked about.

\_\_\_\_\_ Why Black History Month is important

\_\_\_\_\_ Why Black History Month was first started

\_\_\_\_\_ Celebrations for other races and ethnicities

\_\_\_\_\_ Events and activities for Black History Month

\_\_\_\_\_ How Black History Month started

**Task 2**

Are the sentences true or false?

	<b>Answer</b>	
1. Black History Month was first celebrated in 1875.	True	False
2. The original event celebrated the actions of people of African and Caribbean heritage.	True	False
3. Black History Month is on different days in the US and the UK.	True	False
4. There is no official month for East and South East Asian people.	True	False
5. Black people have only lived in the UK in the last 100 years.	True	False
6. Many people want more black history to be taught in schools.	True	False
7. In Black History Month, some people receive prizes for their achievements.	True	False
8. The presenter says she needs to rest after explaining all that.	True	False

**Discussion**

Are you doing anything for Black History Month?

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. b
2. d
3. f
4. g
5. c
6. h
7. e
8. a

### Task 1

- 4 Why Black History Month is important
- 3 Why Black History Month was first started
- 2 Celebrations for other races and ethnicities
- 5 Events and activities for Black History Month
- 1 How Black History Month started

### Task 2

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. True
7. True
8. True