

Rebellion!

Activity 1

Discuss with your partner what the following words mean.

demonstration revolution rebellion riot march assassination

Activity 2

Complete the sentences below with the correct word from Activity 1. You will need to use one word twice.

1.: is when ordinary people take up arms and fight against the governing authorities in a country.
2.: is when a crowd of people becomes violent, attacks the police and burns cars, etc.
3.: is when there are lots of bright colours all together. For example, in a garden.
4.: is when people forcibly remove the governing authorities and replace them with a new regime.
5.: is the murder of a very important political, religious or royal leader.
6.: is when members of the public get together and march (with banners, etc.) to protest against something or to express strongly held opinions.
7.: is when members of the public get together and walk along roads to express protest.

Activity 3

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Do people in your country often hold marches and demonstrations? Why/not?
2. Have you ever been on a march or attended a demonstration? What was it about?
3. Do you think people should have the right to organise marches and hold demonstrations? Why/not?
4. Have there been any riots in your country recently? What were they about? Was the problem resolved?
5. How do you think governments should deal with riots?
6. What do you think are the most famous revolutions in history? What did they achieve?
7. Do riots, rebellions, etc. ever achieve any real change?
8. Can revolutions ever be peaceful?
9. Which famous figures have been assassinated in your lifetime?
10. Do you think anything has changed in the world as a result of these assassinations?
11. What famous historical assassinations do you know about? Did any of them change the course of history, in your opinion?
12. Do you think assassination can ever be justified?
13. If you were sent back in time to assassinate somebody, who would it be?
14. What precautions can high-profile politicians and monarchs etc. take to avoid being assassinated?

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Activity 4

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Which famous assassination is NOT mentioned in the TP homework: a) Martin Luther King Jr b) JFK c) Archduke Franz Ferdinand?
2. What historical event took place on 4th April 1968 in Memphis, USA?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 5

'To what extent can we justify assassinating an individual for the benefit of the majority?'

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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