October 24! United Nations Day!



A Word Roots Lesson on nat/natur (born/birth)

United **Nations** Day recognizes the founding of the United **Nations** in 1945. The United **Nations** or UN works for the entire human family of seven billion people and cares for the Earth, our one and only home. Today the UN consists of 193 member states and 2 observer states. The mission of the United **Nations** is to maintain international peace and security as well as setting terms for protecting human rights around the world. In 1948, they created international law with a Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The member nations deliver humanitarian aid to populations in crisis. The first aid delivered was in response to the devastation following World War II.

The word **nation** is derived from the Latin word root **nat-/natur-** which means **born or birth**. A **nation** refers to the place of a person's **birth.** What is your **nationality**?

Here are sentences that include "nat-/natur-" words meaning **born or birth** Match them with the words in the box to the right.

1. _____ A baseball player who is "born" to be a great hitter.

2. _____ A person "born" in a particular place or country.

3. _____ A talent or ability that a person is "inborn".

a. innate

b. natural

c. native

Are You Naive?

The word **naive** is derived from a French spelling of Latin **nat-** and describes someone having or showing a lack of experience, judgment, or information. In other words, a naive person is someone who thinks or acts as if he or she was "**born** yesterday." Have you ever acted or though in a **naive** sort of way?



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