



# Day of Absence 2024: Six Activities to Engage in When Yearning for a Loved One

## Description

Dealing with the absence of a significant personality in your life, whether due to a recent separation or the unfortunate demise of a loved one, poses a prodigious challenge. The initial pain of detachment may manifest over time, but the unexpected surge of yearning and heartache can leave you with an incapacitating feeling of distress and desolation. Controlling your emotions becomes arduous when every fibre of your being yearns uncontrollably to be in the company of that particular person. Managing the void ensuing from a long-distance relationship, although daunting, necessitates acquiescence and resilience. Embracing this emptiness and pursuing methods to acclimatise oneself to this new reality is critical. The foremost stride in this process is acceptance of the melancholia and solitude and introspectively recording your emotions in a diary or journal.

Furthermore, you can purposefully pay homage to their memory by establishing habitual practices that evoke their presence in your life. Internalising emotions can have detrimental implications for your mental health; therefore honest communication of your genuine feelings to someone you trust is of the essence. Often in the aftermath of a separation, a profound sense of aimlessness may pervade your existence. This can be mitigated by instituting new objectives for personal development. This not only infuses your life with a renewed sense of purpose but also fosters contentment and fulfilment.

Dr. Jyoti Kapoor, Founder-Director and Senior Psychiatrist at Manasthali, elucidates certain strategies to cope with missing a cherished individual in an interview with HT Digital:

1. **Acceptance of Emotions** - Permit yourself the liberty to embrace the spectrum of emotions that accompany your longing for someone important. Recognise that it is absolutely normal to feel sadness, loneliness, or even frustration. Acknowledgment and processing of these emotions constitute an imperative step towards healing. Articulating these feelings in a diary or conversing about them can offer clarity and insight.
2. **Virtual Connectivity** - Digital transformation has rendered connectivity simpler than ever before. Reap the benefits of video calls, voice messages, or even handwritten notes to sustain a sense of familiarity and closeness. Sharing everyday occurrences and sentiments can mitigate the physical and emotional gap.
3. **Meaningful Rituals** - Create rituals or routines that constantly remind you of the person you miss. This could range from listening to a special tune, relishing a favourite meal you both enjoyed together, or simply lighting a candle. These small gestures can offer solace by reinforcing your connection.
4. **Self-Care** - Prioritise self-care activities that offer you comfort and pleasure. Indulgence in an enjoyable pastime, mindfulness practices, or well-deserved pampering can do wonders for your mental health. Nurturing yourself can enhance your resilience in dealing with the challenges of missing someone you love.
5. **Supportive Network** - Exchange feelings with friends and family who empathise with your predicament. Socialising with loved ones offers companionship and a welcome distraction from the pain of missing



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someone. Engage in activities that bring about joy and laughter, and create a positive environment conducive to uplifting your spirits.

6. Personal Growth - Devote the separation period to personal growth and self-enhancement. Delve into aspirations, learn new skills or discover interests that were previously unexplored. Redirecting your energy towards personal development can instil a strong sense of purpose and fulfilment, making the transitory period of separation easier to bear.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Prodigious** // (adjective): Remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree.
2. **Manifest** // (verb): To display or show a quality or feeling by one's acts or appearance.
3. **Desolation** // (noun): A state of complete emptiness or destruction.
4. **Acquiescence** // (noun): The reluctant acceptance of something without protest.
5. **Melancholia** // (noun): A deep, pensive, and long-lasting sadness.
6. **Insightfully** // (adverb): In a manner showing a deep understanding or perception.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong without proof?

- Option: Consent
- Option: Assault
- Option: Allegation
- Option: Charges

2. What term is used to describe something handed down from an ancestor or predecessor?

- Option: Tribute
- Option: Legacy
- Option: Dedication
- Option: Endorsement

3. Which term refers to the action of publicly stating support or approval of someone or something?



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- Option: Legacy  
Option: Endorsement  
Option: Tribute  
Option: Charges
4. What term describes something that is given to help others or bring about a particular result or benefit?  
Option: Documentaries  
Option: Contributions  
Option: Entertainment  
Option: Capitalize
5. Which term means to reject or remove someone or something from consideration or authority?  
Option: Significant  
Option: Retrial  
Option: Dismissed  
Option: Allegation
6. What term is used to describe the depiction or representation of someone or something in a work of art or literature?  
Option: Gratitude  
Option: Melancholia  
Option: Portrayal  
Option: Acquiescence
7. Which term refers to the gradual development or change of something over time?  
Option: Acquiescence  
Option: Evolution  
Option: Capitalize  
Option: Contributions
8. What term is used for goods to be bought and sold especially products that are connected with a popular film or singer?  
Option: Resembles  
Option: Merchandise  
Option: Leveraged  
Option: Charges
9. Which term describes a state of complete emptiness or destruction?  
Option: Prodigious  
Option: Acquiescence  
Option: Desolation  
Option: Manifest



10. What term refers to a physical attack or threat on a person?

- Option: Charges
- Option: Consent
- Option: Assault
- Option: Allegation

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. In business it is wise to \_\_\_\_\_ on opportunities when they arise.
12. The company \_\_\_\_\_ its assets to expand its operations.
13. She fell into a state of deep \_\_\_\_\_ after the loss of her beloved pet.
14. His \_\_\_\_\_ to the new rules showed his willingness to adapt.
15. Her passion for art was \_\_\_\_\_ in the way she spoke about famous painters.
16. She expressed her \_\_\_\_\_ for the support she received during a difficult time.
17. The discovery of the ancient ruins was of \_\_\_\_\_ importance to archaeologists.
18. After new evidence was found the court ordered a \_\_\_\_\_ of the case.
19. If you want to succeed in this business you must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on your strengths.
20. The event was a \_\_\_\_\_ to the achievements of the famous scientist.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Her talent for acting propelled her to stardom at a young age.
22. Many people enjoy watching because they provide real-life insights and information.
23. The new policy changes will affect communication among departments.
24. Writing in her journal provided her with a sense of emotional during difficult times.
25. The painting a famous work by Picasso but with a modern twist.



26. The of technology has transformed the way we live and work.
27. The author analyzed the complex issues in his latest book.
28. The monument was built as a to the soldiers who fought for freedom.
29. Her heart was filled with for the kindness shown by strangers.
30. His philanthropic work left a lasting on the community.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Allegation 2. Legacy 3. Endorsement 4. Contributions 5. Dismissed 6. Portrayal 7. Evolution 8. Merchandise 9. Desolation 10. Assault

**Gap-Fill:** 11. capitalize 12. leveraged 13. melancholia 14. acquiescence 15. manifest 16. gratitude 17. significant 18. retrial 19. capitalize 20. tribute

**Matching sentence:** 1. prodigious 2. documentaries 3. inter-office 4. catharsis 5. resembles 6. evolution 7. insightfully 8. tribute 9. gratitude 10. legacy

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