Henry V – a motivational Speech

A CLIL lesson

## Listening

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-yZNMWFqvM>

You have Henry the Vth speech, Eve of saint Crispins’Day, from Kennet Branagh’s masterpiece. Listen carefully to the speech, underline the words you do not know and try a reasonable guessing.

WESTMORELAND. O that we now had here   
    But one ten thousand of those men in England   
    That do no work to-day!   
    
KING. What's he that wishes so?   
    My cousin Westmoreland? No, my fair cousin;   
    If we are mark'd to die, we are enow   
    To do our country loss; and if to live,   
    The fewer men, the greater share of honour.   
    God's will! I pray thee, wish not one man more.   
    By Jove, I am not covetous for gold,   
    Nor care I who doth feed upon my cost;   
    It yearns me not if men my garments wear;   
    Such outward things dwell not in my desires.   
    But if it be a sin to covet honour,   
    I am the most offending soul alive.   
    No, faith, my coz, wish not a man from England.   
    God's peace! I would not lose so great an honour   
    As one man more methinks would share from me   
    For the best hope I have. O, do not wish one more!   
    Rather proclaim it, Westmoreland, through my host,   
    That he which hath no stomach to this fight,   
    Let him depart; his passport shall be made,   
    And crowns for convoy put into his purse;   
    We would not die in that man's company   
    That fears his fellowship to die with us.   
    This day is call'd the feast of Crispian.   
    He that outlives this day, and comes safe home,   
    Will stand a tip-toe when this day is nam'd,   
    And rouse him at the name of Crispian.   
    He that shall live this day, and see old age,   
    Will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbours,   
    And say 'To-morrow is Saint Crispian.'   
    Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars,   
    And say 'These wounds I had on Crispian's day.'   
    Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,   
    But he'll remember, with advantages,   
    What feats he did that day. Then shall our names,   
    Familiar in his mouth as household words-   
    Harry the King, Bedford and Exeter,   
    Warwick and Talbot, Salisbury and Gloucester-   
    Be in their flowing cups freshly rememb'red.   
    This story shall the good man teach his son;   
    And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,   
    From this day to the ending of the world,   
    But we in it shall be remembered-   
    We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;   
    For he to-day that sheds his blood with me   
    Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,   
    This day shall gentle his condition;   
    And gentlemen in England now-a-bed   
    Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here,   
    And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks   
    That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.

[Act IV, Scene III]

## Vocabulary

1. Using a bilingual dictionary, search for the words and write their meanings. Work in pair.
2. Choose 5 words and with each of them form a sentence in modern English.

## Understanding

Underline in different colors

1. The expressions related to future life.
2. Everything related to a possible death.
3. Is there another chance? Which one?

Choose the correct answe

1. What does Henry’s Crispian Day speech say about his character?
2. He is resolute
3. He is angry
4. He fears the moment of the battle
5. No answer is correct
6. Who is Westmoreland?
7. a friend of Henry
8. a French spy
9. the king’s cousin
10. the king’s servant
11. What do you think Henry will say right after the speech we listened to?
12. “All things are ready if our bodies be so”
13. “All things are ready if our hearts be so”
14. “Let us go and fight”
15. “All things are ready if our minds be so”
16. Which do you think is the better translation?
17. “Tutto è pronto se il cervello è pronto”
18. “Tutto è pronto se la performance è pronta”
19. “Tutto è pronto se lo spirito è pronto”
20. “Tutto è pronto se l’animo è pronto”
21. Who will course saint Crispin’s day?
22. Gentlemen now a-bed
23. The deaths
24. French army
25. Teacher Ballarino