Directions: Work in pairs or in a small group. Have one person ask the other(s) for a word that matches the description in parentheses. That same person will fill the blank with the word that his or her partner/group provides. At the end of the story, have one person read it aloud. Enjoy!

A Not-So-Correct History of Credit Unions and ICU Day

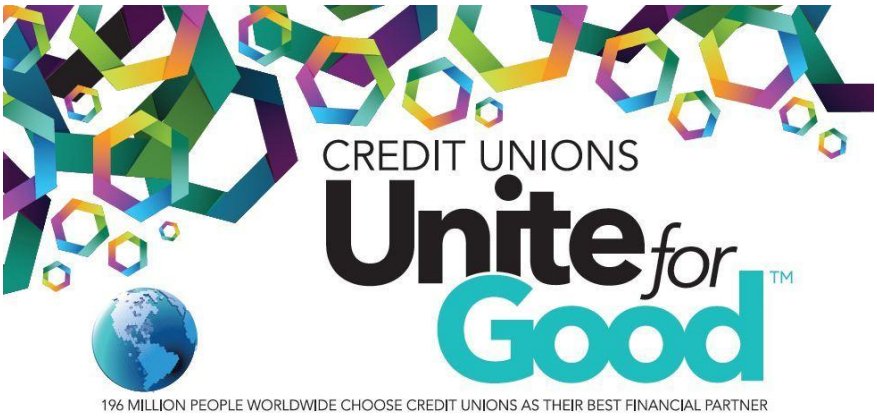
Around _____ (year in the 1800s), _____ (name of famous person) started the first credit union in _____ (name of country).

"_____!" (exclamation), (s)he said, "We've got crop failure and famine, people are incredibly _____ (negative emotion—adjective), and hardly anyone has any money!"
"I've got it!" (s)he said, "If we could all pool our _____ (type of currency) together, we could make loans to each other, and our money problem will be solved!"

It was around this need that the first credit union was _____ (verb, past tense).

The idea spread _____ (compass direction) to _____ (name of country) and _____ (name of country), and eventually all over the world.

By _____ (year in the 1900s), so many countries had established credit union movements that a day was started in their honor. International Credit Union Day was created so credit unions can take the opportunity to _____ (action verb) members and give credit to their courageous founders. The credit union difference is promoted each year, especially giving focus to the "People helping _____ (plural noun)" philosophy. Now, more than _____ (very large number) _____ (plural noun) in 100 countries celebrate this difference every year!



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