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Foster's English Shorts

VICE MAGAZINE

Discuss after the programme:

- *Vice Magazine* tries to stir up attention with its different and shocking articles and says they're not afraid of offending people. Why do you think the magazine wants to stir up attention? Do you think it's the right way of doing it? People seem to have a reaction for or against the type of contents in *Vice*. How do you feel about it? Why?
- How do you think magazines such as *Vice* affect the English language and why?
- *Vice Magazine* started out by funds from the Canadian Government. What purpose do you think the government had by running such a paper?
- *Vice* went from being funded by the Canadian Government to being mostly funded by advertisements. Why do you think that shift occurred? How might this affect the contents of the magazine? Try to bring different aspects such as Freedom of press and speech and "bought" articles into the discussion.

To work with after the programme:

- Make your own magazine in English. Try to stir up some controversy, at the same time as you write about things that interest you or are important to you and in a way that you yourself would be interested to read. Before writing your articles, research laws that deal with Freedom of press and speech so that you know what you can and cannot write.

Vocabulary from the episode:

vice – last, fel (*e.g my only vice is swearing too much...*)

issue – nummer; viktig fråga

to stir up controversy – att skapa diskussion; att vara kontroversiell

offensive - stötande

to bump up against standards – att vara motvalls

to digest – att smälta

to bite the bullet – att bita ihop