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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary: Before listening, make sure that you are familiar with the following words:

lockdown	a state of isolation or restricted access instituted as a security measure
consequence	a result or effect
outbreak	a sudden occurrence of something unwelcome, such as war or disease
significant	sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy
quarantine	a state, period, or place of isolation
accurate	correct in all details; exact
prejudice	preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience
subtle	so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyse or describe
combat	take action to prevent something bad or undesirable
biofuel	a material that is used to produce heat or power that can be derived immediately from living matter
crucial	of great importance
crop	a cultivated plant such a cereal, vegetable or fruit
pesticide	a substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals
trim	make something neat by cutting away irregular or unwanted parts
direct provision	a system of accommodation for asylum seekers in Ireland
facilities	a place or piece of equipment provided for a particular purpose
accommodation	a room, group of rooms, or building in which someone may live or stay
turnout	the number of people attending or taking part in an event

Australia: Prejudice as a result of the coronavirus

1. What measures, according to the programme, has the Australian government taken in order to prevent further spread of the coronavirus?
2. What types of prejudice are Chinese students in Australia experiencing as an effect of the spread of the coronavirus?
3. How does Abbey Shi define racism?
4. What could be read on the sign in the cafeteria that Abbey Shi visited? Why is the sign problematic?

Malawi: Legalising cannabis

5. What is cannabis used for (legally) in Malawi?

Pakistan: Ducks serve as pesticides

6. According to the programme, how many grasshoppers can a duck eat each day
 - a. 20
 - b. 200
 - c. 2000
 - d. 100

Kenya: Business in unusual places

7. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. Matatus are minibus taxis. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. John's and Sally's parents are in the cosmetics business. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. John's and Sally's business is called States Barbershop and Lounge. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. People are not surprised to see a salon when they board the matatu. TRUE/FALSE

Ireland: Coming together through food

8. What is Direct Provision?
9. What is Sligo Global Kitchen?
10. How many people from how many countries around the world have shared recipes at Sligo Global Kitchen since 2014?

Language points: Complete the following idiomatic expressions

11. I have known him for a long time, but it wasn't that long ago that he came to...
 - a. familiar
 - b. favour
 - c. fame
12. They were not happy about losing the game, but they were able to see the loss as a good learning...
 - a. platform
 - b. endeavour
 - c. experience
13. My parents don't really know where I am. In our household, we have very relaxed...
 - a. rules
 - b. rights
 - c. roads
14. There were lots of people at the party. The host was very happy with the huge...
 - a. turnout
 - b. turncoat
 - c. treadmill

Discussion points:

Coronavirus consequences: Chinese students in Australia are facing discrimination and racism in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. Some of them report that the prejudices they face can be subtle and indirect. Give some examples of how racism and discrimination can be subtle and indirect. What can be done about the type of racism that the Chinese students in Australia have experienced? Have you ever experienced discrimination and/or prejudiced behaviour? Are there examples of discrimination and prejudice in your own community/school/country? Is it subtle or direct? Is anything being done about it? What should be done about it?

Using drugs for medicine: A number of countries around the world have legalised the use of cannabis. In Malawi, the drug is legalised for making medicine or hemp and in some countries it is even legalised for personal use. What do you think about legalising drugs? What are some of the dangers or disadvantages? Are there advantages? If drugs such as cannabis were to be legalised in your country, should there be restrictions on it? Who should have access to it and who shouldn't?

Seeking asylum: Some of the asylum seekers in Direct Provision in Ireland found a way into the local community through cooking together. If you had to leave your country and seek asylum somewhere else, where would you go and why? What would you miss most about your own country? What would you do in asylum? How would you spend your days?

Key

- 1) Suggestion: The Australian government has banned anyone leaving China from entering Australia until they have been quarantined for two weeks.
- 2) Suggestion: The prejudices they face are mostly subtle and indirect, like walking around them (not getting too close) or indicating that something is safe from the virus because it isn't from China.
- 3) Suggestion: An idea that people have in their mind.
- 4) Suggestion: The sign said that the coffee served was not made in China. It implies that goods coming from China could be infected with coronavirus which is racist and misinformed.
- 5) Suggestion: Medicines and hemp fibres.
- 6) b.200
- 7) a. TRUE
b. FALSE
c. TRUE
d. FALSE
- 8) Suggestion: The temporary accommodation asylum seekers are placed in when they arrive in Ireland.
- 9) Suggestion: A cultural event using the medium of food to connect asylum seekers with the local community.
- 10) 400 people of at least 18 different nationalities.
- 11) c. fame
- 12) c. experience
- 13) a. rules
- 14) a. turnout