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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary

News story 1

English word	Swedish translation
to contract	Att drabbas av, att få en sjukdom
epicentre	epicenter, mittpunkt
pandemic	Pandemi, smittsam sjukdom, epidemi, som drabbar flera länder och hela världsdelar
to stock up	att bunkra upp
to be able to afford something	att ha råd med någonting

News story 2

English word	Swedish translation
empowering	som ger kraft
disrupting	störande
vital	central, viktig
to acknowledge	att erkänna
to promote	<i>Här:</i> befordra, lyfta fram
to access	att få tillträde, åtkomst

Before Listening: Working with Vocabulary

Before you listen to the news, look at the vocabulary and guess the news stories!

What do you think the **first news story** is going to be about?

I think news story 1 is going to be about...

What do you think the **second news story** is going to be about?

I think news story 2 is going to be about...

While Listening: Comprehension Questions

News story 1

1. The corona virus has spread to more than how many countries?
 - a. 22
 - b. 100
 - c. 400

2. Which continent is the epicentre of the corona-pandemic?

3. What's the English government's recommendation to its citizens?

4. What have large numbers of people been reported doing?

5. How is Hitesh's small corner shop doing?

- a. He's sold 20 to 25 percent more toilet paper
- b. He's reducing prices by 20 to 25 percent
- c. He's selling 20 to 25 percent less than usual

6. Why isn't the woman interviewed panic buying?

News story 2

7. What is highlighted during Women's History Month?

8. Why is 2020's Women's History Month especially important in Britain?

9. What is the gender pay gap in the UK?
- Women get paid 17% more than men
 - Men get paid 17% more than women
 - Men get paid 70% more than women

After Listening: 10-minute discussion

How would you feel about self-isolating? Do you think you would like to be at home? What would you do? What do you do when you're bored? Maybe you have some hobbies or other things that you love to do. Tell your classmate about what you do in your free time or what hobbies you like best. Listen to classmate's free time activities and ask questions about them. Do you have any hobbies in common?

After Listening: The Big Debate

Do you think men and women should get equal pay? Can you think of any reasons why men get paid more than women in England? How do you think it is in Sweden? What about women as bosses? There are a lot of companies where there are only male bosses. Why do you think this is? What can we do to change it? Do you have any suggestions?

Useful Phrases

In my opinion...

I reckon that...

I think...

I believe...

I agree, because...

I disagree, because...

On the one hand...

On the other hand...

In my personal experience...

According to the news report...

Let's Get Writing: "I am so bored right now... any tips?"

The government in the UK wants people to self-isolate. This means they stay at home so that they don't get ill or spread the virus. Your friend Abby lives in Manchester and is self-isolating. She wrote to you asking for tips because she is really bored. What kind of things do you do when you get bored? Do you have any suggestions? Imagine you're planning your day – what would you do in the morning? How about around lunch time? And in the afternoon and evening? Write an e-mail to Abby and give her suggestion of a daily schedule of things she could be doing to avoid boredom!

Answers

News story 1

1. b
2. Europe
3. Self-isolate
4. Panic buying
5. c
6. She doesn't think there is a reason to do so

News story 2

7. Women's contribution to history/modern society
8. It is 50 years since the new law / the Equal Pay Act
9. b