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### Arbetsblad

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

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
rapid	happening in a short period of time	fast; quick
steam	the vapour into which water is converted when heated	vapour; mist
combat	take action to reduce or prevent	fight; resist
content	here: the ideas that are expressed via something (in this case via social media)	substance; ingredients
measures	a plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose	actions; procedures
sensational	causing great public interest and excitement	remarkable; spectacular
public (noun)	people in general; people in society	community; population
reverse	make something the opposite of what it was	cancel; change
meme	an image, video, piece of text, etc., often humorous in nature, that is copied and spread on the internet	harmfully; unfavourably
debunk	expose the falseness of an idea or belief	puncture; deflate
verify	make sure or demonstrate that something is true and/or accurate	certify; confirm
promote	support or actively encourage	support; stimulate
alliance	a relationship or organisation based on similarity of interests	kinship; collaboration
ancient	belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence	old; antique
interval	a pause or break in activity	hiatus; time-out
deprive	prevent someone or something from having or using something else	bereave; divest
indigenous	originating in a particular place	native
paralympic	athlete competing in an international sports competition for people with physical disabilities, parallel to the Olympics	
amputee	person who has had a limb amputated	
severely	to an undesirably great or intense degree	seriously; dangerously
impaired	weakened or damaged	injured; damaged
elated	the feeling of being very happy	exhilarated; delighted
able-bodied	not physically disabled	

### India: Combatting fake news

1. How many people in India have been arrested for spreading fake news about the coronavirus?
  - a. 5 million
  - b. 500
  - c. 50
  - d. 100
2. Give some examples of the fake news stories about the coronavirus that have spread on social media in India.
3. What is “check4spam”?
4. Why do you think there is so much fake news that is spread on social media? What could be some reasons for creating information that is false?

### Canada: Looking back to deal with the future

5. What is the idea that the Firesticks Alliance is promoting?
6. What is a “fire interval”?

### Jamaica: Athletes reach global fame

7. Circle the statement that is TRUE or FALSE.
  - a. Shauna-Kay Hines competes as a Karate fighter. TRUE/FALSE
  - b. She has been selected by the International Olympic Committee. TRUE/FALSE
  - c. Next year’s Paralympic games are due to be held in Tokyo, Japan. TRUE/FALSE
  - d. The first Paralympic games were held in 1960. TRUE/FALSE

8. What does Trishan McGowan think Jamaicans should do with regard to the Paralympics?

**New Zealand: Language goes global through music**

9. What is Te Reo?

10. What effects does listening to music in Te Reo have, according to the band “Alien Weaponry”?

**Language points:** Complete the following idiomatic expressions

11. The situation was upsetting and soon people started to ... the blame on each other.

- a. pin
- b. place
- c. park

12. She was looking for the last ... of information that would solve the mystery.

- a. deal
- b. store
- c. piece

13. A campaign was started to ... awareness for their important cause.

- a. rally
- b. raise
- c. collect

14. In the ..., they decided to get some homework done.

- a. meantime
- b. way
- c. middle

15. You would need to live there for a while in order to ... an understanding for their circumstances.

- a. receive
- b. gain
- c. grab

### Discussion points:

**Fake news:** According to the programme, a great deal of fake news has spread on social media in India following the coronavirus pandemic. Where do you get your news from? To what degree do you trust the news you get from mainstream media? From social media? What are some ways in which you can detect fake news? How can fake news be damaging and harmful for individuals and society in general? Donald Trump sometimes accuses mainstream media for creating and spreading fake news. Do you think he is right? Why or why not? What are some differences between journalistic news and news on social media?

**Recovering the past:** Two of the stories in the programme discuss ways in which the past can be recovered in order to gain a deeper understanding for the present: in New Zealand the band “Alien Weaponry” have breathed life into the language Te Reo and in Australia, traditional methods for fighting bush fires are suggested to be brought back to prevent bushfires from becoming catastrophic. At the same time, sustainable development is a global goal, not least for the United Nations and its member states through Agenda 2030. Do you think that looking into the past might be a way of looking forward towards sustainable development? Are there areas in which looking into the past might be more relevant than others? Consider some of the following areas and discuss for which it might be a good idea to take note from the past: environment, agriculture, medicine, housing, animal keeping, sanitation, consumption and production, energy production, education and the balance between rich and poor.

### Key

- 1) b. 500
- 2) Suggestion: For example, vaccines made from mint, steam that kills the virus, cow urine that protects from the virus and a lack of test kits and hospital beds.
- 3) Suggestion: A fact-checking website that tackles fake news on the web and on messaging apps.
- 4) Suggestion: There could be many reasons. Some could be political or ideological, for example. But one of the most common reasons is thought to be financial, i.e. clicks generate advertising revenues, the more an advert is seen the more money the page’s administrator makes.
- 5) Suggestion: The idea of “cultural burning” which means lighting fires deliberately to create “fire intervals” which can be controlled and deprive wildfires of fuel to burn.
- 6) Suggestion: A “fire interval” is an area which is set on fire deliberately but which can be controlled and which prevents wildfires from spreading.
- 7) a. FALSE  
b. FALSE  
c. TRUE  
d. TRUE
- 8) Suggestion: She thinks Jamaicans need to speak more about the Paralympics and to give more to Paralympian athletes.
- 9) Suggestion: The official Maori language that is spoken by indigenous people in New Zealand.
- 10) Suggestion: They believe that by listening to their lyrics in Te Reo, people can gain a deeper understanding of the indigenous population in New Zealand.
- 11) b. point
- 12) c. piece - Note that grammatically, the word “information” does not take a plural “s” even though this can be heard in colloquial language as in the programme.
- 13) b. raise
- 14) a. meantime
- 15) b. gain