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Arbetsblad

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

Word	Description	Synonym
predict	anticipate that something will happen in the future or that it will be a consequence of something	foresee; prognosticate
yield	the total amount of something produced or provided	generate; supply
key (adjective)	very important	crucial; essential
turnout	the number of people taking part in an event, esp. the number of people voting in an election	attendance; crowd
consistent	acting or done in the same way over time	invariable; uniform
pre-register	register to vote in advance	
pitch	a speech or act that attempts to persuade someone to do something	sales talk; persuasion
loan debt	a sum of money that is owed because of loans	indebtedness
proxy	something to which something else is compared, especially in order to calculate how successful it is	representative; agent
appropriate (verb)	to take something from a culture and use it as part of your own	borrow; adopt
insensitivity	lack of concern for others' feelings	indifference; disregard
array	an impressive display or range of a particular type of thing	collection; display
diverse	showing a great deal of variety; very different	different; various
scantily	in a way that is small or insufficient in quantity or amount	partially; incompletely
lingerie	women's underwear and nightclothes	underwear; undergarments
anniversary	the date on which an event took place	jubilee; commemoration
proclaim	announce officially or publicly	announce; declare
coup	a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government	overthrow; takeover
ties	the friendly feelings that people have for other people, or special connections with places	connections; relations
rapprochement	a harmonious relationship in which the people involved communicate well	affinity; compatibility
trajectory	the (curbed) path that something takes	direction; course
carnivorous	animals feeding on other animals/meat	meat-eating; predatory
apex	the top or highest part of something (here: top of the food chain)	peak; summit

U.S.A: Encouraging young people to vote

1. According to the programme, how many young people voted in the U.S. midterm election, in 2018?
 - a. 80 percent
 - b. 18 percent
 - c. 30 percent
 - d. 13 percent
2. Explain why registration and voting may be a complicated and even burdensome process, especially for young voters in the U.S.
3. Jazmine Kay, the executive director of *18by.vote* argues that not voting is also voting. Explain what she means by this.
4. In relation to the upcoming election in the U.S., what are some of the most important issues for young voters today?

New Zealand: What is the appropriate age to vote?

5. According to the programme, there is debate in New Zealand about what is an appropriate age to start voting. At what age should young people be allowed to vote, do you think? Come up with arguments for your opinion and discuss with your peers.

Barbados: Cultural appropriation gone wrong

6. What is hadith?
7. Why were critics upset with Rihanna's use of lyrics taken from hadith?

Nigeria: Recovering from colonial rule

8. Circle the statement that is TRUE or FALSE.
 - a. Nigeria was created in 1914 by combining some of the conquests of the British Empire . TRUE/FALSE
 - b. Last month, Nigeria celebrated its 60th independence anniversary. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. Nigeria proclaimed independence from Britain in 1960. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. In 2019, there were 20,000 Nigerian-born residents in the U.K. TRUE/FALSE

9. What is the relationship between the British and Nigerian governments today?

Tasmania: The devils are back

10. Tasmanian devils are making a comeback but continue to be an endangered species. What is an endangered species?

Language points: Complete the following idiomatic expressions

11. When she comes of ... she will receive a large inheritance from her grandparents.

- a. mind
- b. well
- c. age

12. The children's bad behaviour was front and ... of the discussions at the school staff meeting.

- a. back
- b. centre
- c. forward

13. They felt their company did not live up to the moral ... they would have liked it to.

- a. message
- b. window
- c. framework

14. The long-lost sisters were bound by ... to be reunited.

- a. destiny
- b. chance
- c. accident

15. It is important to know where to draw the ... between your professional life and social life.

- a. cross
- b. line
- c. circle

Discussion points

To vote or not to vote: The programme reports that only 30 percent of young people actually voted in the U.S. midterm election. Several other studies show that voting numbers internationally are particularly low among young people. What do you think could be done about this problem? Is it a problem? Why or why not? What are some potential consequences of young people not voting? Would you vote if you were of the right age? How much attention do you pay to elections and political news? In what ways other than voting can people participate in the political process?

Taking a closer look at colonialism: Nigeria has enjoyed 60 years of independence from British colonial rule and now has good relations with the U.K. as do many other countries that used to be former colonies to Britain. Find out more about British colonialism and the British Empire. Does Britain still own colonies? What motivated Britain and several other European countries to colonise other countries? What did colonisation and colonial rule entail for those countries and their citizens? What was the “Scramble for Africa”? Has Sweden ever had colonies? If yes, where and when? Does Sweden still own colonies?

Key

- 1) c. 30 percent
- 2) Suggestion: The rules are not consistent between states and some states have restrictions such as rejecting college IDs and forbidding young people from pre-registering before they come of age. In some states you have to buy your own stamps to send in your vote by post.
- 3) Suggestion: Kay argues that not voting makes a statement to say that you accept everything as it is and that you don't want change.
- 4) Suggestion: Some particularly important issues are climate change, immigration, racial injustice, police brutality and education.
- 5) Here students are free to come up with various ideas concerning voting age.
- 6) Suggestion: Hadith are sayings that are considered sacred in Islam and serve as one of the moral frameworks used to guide Muslims in their everyday lives.
- 7) Suggestion: Because it was considered disrespectful to their faith and culture to use hadith in a fashion show for lingerie.
- 8) a. TRUE
b. TRUE
c. TRUE
d. FALSE
- 9) Suggestion: The two governments have good rapport and many residents in the U.K. were born in Nigeria.
- 10) Suggestion: An endangered species is an animal or plant that is close to extinction, i.e. there are not many of them left on the planet. Quite often they are endangered because of exploitation by humans.
- 11) c. age
- 12) b. centre
- 13) c. framework
- 14) a. destiny
- 15) b. line