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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>
trending	currently popular or widely discussed	be influential; be popular
intercept	to stop something or someone before it/they reach a particular place	catch; grab
narrative	a spoken or written account of connected events	story; account
harass	to worry or annoy somebody by putting (aggressive) pressure on them	pester; torment
cite	to mention something as a reason or an example to support what you are saying	quote; mention
extortion	to get something, especially money, through force or threats	blackmail; shakedown
deceased	someone who has recently died	departed; dead
dissolve	close down or discontinue	end; terminate
loot	to steal goods, typically during a war or riot	plunder; pillage
compound	to make something bad even worse	augment; worsen
keg	a small barrel	barrel; cask
hopeful (noun)	someone hoping to succeed	
replicate	make an exact copy of	reproduce; duplicate
demographic	statistics relating to a particular group within a population	
underway	having started and in progress	begun; initiated
unprecedented	never done or known before	unequaled; original
vastly	to a very great extent	immensely; enormously
hover	to stay close to something or to stay in an uncertain state	linger; hang about
fraud	the crime of cheating somebody to get money or goods illegally	deception; scam
inauguration	a special ceremony to introduce a new leader	launch; initiation
relocate	to move someone or something to a new place	move; transfer
sanctuary	a safe place where people and/or animals can find protection	shelter; reservation (animals)
lethargy	not having any energy or enthusiasm for doing things	inaction; slowness

Nigeria: Clashes between young protesters and the police

1. a) Nicholas Makolomi posted a video that generated a story on social media. In turn, this story triggered the #EndSARS movement. What was the (false) story about what was happening in the video?
b) What really happened? How did the young man sustain his injuries?
2. What does the acronym SARS stand for?
3. Some of the people in the programme claim that it makes no difference if the video was false? How do they explain this?

Canada: Olympic training during the coronavirus pandemic

4. Describe the technology that Canadian boxer Mandy Bujold uses to train during the coronavirus pandemic.
5. How many punches can Mandy throw in 15 minutes?
 - a. 300
 - b. 3,000
 - c. 30
 - d. 1500

U.S.A: Biden triumphs among the young

6. Joe Biden won most of the votes from voters among specific age groups. What age groups were they?
7. Why are experts not surprised at young voters choosing to vote for Joe Biden rather than for Donald Trump, according to the programme?
8. Caleb Dunson states that he voted for Joe Biden mostly because of the two-party system. Find out what the two-party system means in the U.S. and explain it to a friend.

South Africa: Simphiwe Dana on coming out

9. According to the programme, South Africa's constitution is very liberal when it comes to LGBTQ+ rights. So why does Simphiwe Dana state that she knows that coming out as a lesbian means that "Africa will block" her?

Pakistan: The world's loneliest elephant

10. When the elephant Kaavan lost his mate, he started showing symptoms of loneliness. What were some of these symptoms?

Grammar check – Simple form and ongoing (progressive) form

Simply put, the *ongoing form* of a verb is typically used to describe something that is going on (in progress) at the moment of speaking or something that will be going on sometime in the future. When a verb is not in ongoing form, it is in *simple form*. Simple form typically describes something permanent, regular or a habit.

In this week's episode, we learn that Canadian boxer Mandy Bujold has found alternative ways of training during the coronavirus pandemic. The programme states that Mandy "***is using technology to adapt to a new reality and she is using panels of randomly flashing lights and she also is using video analysis***".

11. Analyse the verb form in the sentence above from a grammatical point of view. Is the verb (*use*) in ongoing form or simple form? Write the sentence below using a different verb form than what it is in above.

"Mandy _____"

12. Fill in the missing verb using the *ongoing* (progressive) verb form:

- a. We _____ the building now? (leave)
b. Jane _____ in London at the moment. (live)
c. We _____ at the Sheraton. (stay)

13. Fill in the missing verb using the *simple* verb form:

- a. We _____ at the Sheraton every time we go to London. (stay)
b. It usually _____ here in the autumn. (rain)
c. Mark _____ as a veterinarian in an animal shelter. (work)

Discussion points

Fight for your right: According to the programme, #EndSARS triggered young people across Nigeria to come out in protests against police brutality. Can you see similarities between the #EndSARS movement in Nigeria and the Black Lives Matter movement in the United States? What similarities can you see? What differences can you see? Some people are critical towards these types of protest movements. Find out what types of criticism have been expressed against the #EndSARS movement. Discuss in pairs the arguments for and the arguments against the #EndSARS movement. Is it possible to take sides for or against? What is your opinion on these protests in Nigeria?

Can legalisation end discrimination?: Despite legalisation protecting the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, Simphiwe Dana feels that she will be 'blocked' in Africa because of her sexual orientation. What significance does legalisation have if discrimination still occurs? How should discrimination be dealt with, if not by legal means? Have you ever encountered discrimination even though it is illegal to discriminate? What type of discrimination have you encountered? How was it dealt with? Does discrimination occur at your school? If yes, what types of discrimination occur? How is it dealt with? How should it be dealt with? What do you think are reasons for some people to discriminate?

Key

1. a) The false story was that the Special Anti-Robbery Squad had shot a young man and stolen his car; b) The young man was arrested by the police and jumped out of a moving vehicle.
2. Suggestion: Special Anti-Robbery Squad.
3. Suggestion: They argue that the point of the video was to stop police brutality which had been going on in Nigeria for a long time. There had been a lot of incidents accumulating anyway so the protests were bound to happen.
4. Suggestion: She uses panels of randomly flashing lights to replicate her trainer holding up boxing gloves for her to punch.
5. b. 3,000
6. Suggestion: Biden won more than 60 percent of the votes from voters between the ages 18 and 29.
7. Suggestion: Experts state that younger people tend to be more left-leaning in their political values which corresponds more to the Democratic Party's ideologies.
8. Suggestion: The two-party system in the U.S. entails that only two political parties dominate the political arena and that it is only these two parties that have representation in governing bodies.
9. Suggestion: LGBTQ+ rights are one thing when it comes to legislation on paper but another when it comes to how society accepts various sexual orientations in practice. Traditional, conservative and patriarchal structures live on among people as important norms and values even though legislation has developed and become more liberal.
10. Suggestion: Kaavan became lethargic, stressed and aggressive as a result of his loneliness.
11. Suggestion: Mandy *uses* technology to adapt to a new reality and she *uses* panels of randomly flashing lights and she also *uses* video analysis.
12. a. are leaving; b. is living; c. are staying
13. a. stay; b. rains; c. works