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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary

USA Rejoins the Paris Climate Accord

national anthem	nationalsång
inauguration	invigning, installationsceremoni
to rejoin	att återansluta
accord	fördrag, avtal
to pull out (of a deal)	att dra sig ur, att lämna
environmentalist	miljöaktivist
to tackle	att hantera, ta itu med
carbon dioxide emissions	koldioxidutsläpp

Air Pollution in London

fatal	dödlig
issue	problem, fråga
to pass a law	att införa en lag
worrying	här: plågsam, besvärande

While Listening: Comprehension Questions

USA Rejoins the Paris Climate Accord

1. What important decision has President Joe Biden made?

2. What did Donald Trump say was bad for the American economy?

3. What do environmentalists say about the effects of climate change?

- a. The effects are expensive.
- b. The carbon pollution has reduced.
- c. Thing is being done about them.

4. Name **TWO** of the extreme weather events mentioned in the news story.

Air Pollution in London

5. An inhaler is important for people with asthma. What does it help with?

6. What is one of the reasons for Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah's death?

- a. She lived near one of London's busiest roads.
- b. She was 9 years old.
- c. Asthma is always fatal.

7. What is the group Choked Up campaigning for?

8. Why inspired Kaydine to start this campaign?

9. What worries Max the most about asthma attacks?
- a. They are painful.
 - b. They are worse in London.
 - c. They can happen at any time.
 - d. They hurt his throat.

After Listening: Discuss!

In the first news story, we heard about Joe Biden's inauguration ceremony. He had a number of artists singing different songs during the ceremony: Jennifer Lopez and Lady Gaga. Do you think this is a good line-up? Why? Who would have rather have heard at the inauguration ceremony? Which artists do you think are the best? What songs would you like to hear? Discuss with a classmate and compare your thoughts!

After Listening: Debate!

In the second news story, we found out about the effects of air pollution in London. The campaign group Choked Up is pushing the government to change the law so that people have a legal right to clean air. Talk with a classmate about this topic, ask each other questions and discuss together! Here are some questions to help you:

What do you think about this idea? Who is responsible for making sure air is clean? The government or the individual? Can you think of examples of things the government can do to make the air cleaner? Can you think of examples of things individuals can do to make the air cleaner?

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...

After Listening: Write!

In the first news story, we learnt about Joe Biden, the new president of the USA. When he was sworn in as a president, lots of Americans celebrated. Imagine a party for swearing in the American president – what kind of food, drinks and activities do you think are typically American? Pretend you went to a party and write a blog post about it. What did people do at the party? What did they eat and drink? What kind of music did they listen to?

Answers

1. To rejoin the Paris Climate Accord
2. The (formation of the) Paris Climate Accord
3. a.
4. hurricanes / tropical storms / forest fires
5. It helps with breathing / it helps to prevent/stop an asthma attack
6. a.
7. cleaner air in London
8. Ella's death/story
9. c.