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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary

The following words are specific to the context of the programme. Make sure that you are familiar with them before listening.

Word	Description	Synonym
domestic labour	(unpaid) work within a household	housework
electoral commission	a group assigned to supervise an election	
socially conscious	awareness of important social issues	aware; culturally sensitive
kernels	a softer, usually edible part of a nut, seed, or fruit contained within its shell	seed; core
milling machine	a machine tool that is shaped by rotating milling cutters	
pesticide	a chemical used for destroying unwanted animals or wild plants harmful to cultivated plants	insect killer; weed killer
smallholder farmer	a farmer that owns a small piece of land and farms on a small scale	
hoist sail	to raise a flag or sail to its highest position on a pole	raise sail

The following words are general in nature. Take note of these to expand your general vocabulary of the English language.

facet	a particular characteristic of something	aspect; feature
impervious	unable to be affected by	immune; unmoved
dispensation	special permission to do something that is usually not allowed	exception; immunity
exemption	special permission not to do or pay something	dispensation; privilege
severe	causing great pain, difficulty or worry	serious; difficult
jarring	causing a physical shock, jolt, or vibration	grating; harsh
curfew	a rule that dictates everyone to stay at home between particular times, usually at night, especially during periods of political trouble	time limit
ignorant	not having enough knowledge, understanding, or information about something	unaware; unknowing
precedent	a previous action, situation, or decision that can be used as a reason or example for a similar action or decision at a later time	exemplar; model
chore	a job that is often boring or unpleasant but needs to be done regularly especially in the household	task; duty
extract	to remove or take something out	remove; withdraw

Australia: Tennis players exempt from lockdown?

1. Explain what type of dispensation was given to the Australian Open tennis players by the Australian government.
2. Why was this dispensation withdrawn?
3. How did the general public react to the tennis players' complaints about the lockdown?
4. Melbourne had a 112-day long severe lockdown. Compare this to the type of Covid-19 restrictions that you have had to endure. How are your experiences different or the same as the Melburnians' descriptions of their experiences?

India: Making money by doing household chores

5. Indian movie star Kamal Hasaan has founded a new political party; what promise has this political party given the Indian voters?
6. What do you think Hasaan's party wants to achieve by this promise? Is it just to gain votes?

Uganda: Wine is free to leave his house

7. Why was Bobi Wine confined to house arrest?



Teacher's note: A suggestion is to let students study the image as they listen to the story on Liberia or, if possible, let them see it before the audio starts. The addition of an image to audio and text can strengthen the memory and sharpen focus while listening, which may be beneficial to students' understanding.

Liberia: Environmentally friendly palm oil

8. What is the difference between the palm oil produced in Mahmud Johnson's company J-Palm Liberia and the palm oil produced from palm tree plantations?
9. What makes Mahmud Johnson's model for palm oil production more sustainable than the standard industry palm oil?
10. Where does the money made from J-Palm Liberia go?

Scotland: A sea shanty revival

11. How does Nathan Evans explain the popularity of sea shanties?
12. Remakes or covers of original songs have always been a popular genre. Can you think of other songs (other than Nathan Evans' sea shanty) that have been given new life by new artists?

Language points: Complete the following idiomatic expressions

13. In this situation, their behaviour was completely... with proper conduct.
 - a. about a line
 - b. out of line
 - c. out of time
14. It is clear that they have no... the rules and regulations that apply to this situation.
 - a. regard for
 - b. week
 - c. strong
15. As soon as the DJ played the popular song, people started to...
 - a. flock off
 - b. fly on
 - c. flock in
16. I know it's not much, just a drop in the..., but it might be of some help anyway.
 - a. sea
 - b. water
 - c. ocean
17. Let's ... off this meeting and get some stuff done.
 - a. kick
 - b. run
 - c. dance

Discussion points

Consumer conscience: The environmental problems connected to the production of palm oil have been well-known for a long time. A major problem is deforestation in favour of developing industrial scale plantations. What responsibility do end-consumers (we) have with regard to the production of palm oil. Should we as individuals boycott all products that contain palm oil? Or should we lay responsibility on politicians and/or profit-making companies? What do you think? Who is responsible for the deforestation of millions of acres of biodiverse rainforest?

Changing careers: In the programme, we hear about Bobi Wine and Kamal Hasaan who have both turned to politics after having reached success as artists. Can you think of any other politicians that have once been in the music or entertainment business? Do you think it is becoming more common for music artists and entertainers to enter into politics? If yes, why do you think that is? Do you think it is an advantage or disadvantage for a politician to have a past in the entertainment business? What do you think this says about our society and culture today?

Key

1. Suggestion: Initially, the tennis players were allowed to leave their rooms for 4-5 hours per day.
2. Suggestion: The flights they were on were found to have been carrying passengers who tested positive for Covid-19 and therefore they needed to quarantine without any dispensation.
3. Suggestion: Some people thought the tennis players should not have special treatment and that they were out of line and childish with their complaints.
4. Suggestion: Here, students can think freely about the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on their lives compared to some of the experiences heard in the programme.
5. Suggestion: Hasaan's party promises to pay people for household chores.
6. Suggestion: It may be to gain votes, but it may also be part of a plan towards equality between the sexes as four out of five women in India are said to be engaged in unpaid chores in the home compared to a quarter of men.
7. Suggestion: He was confined to house arrest after having claimed that the election results in Uganda had been rigged in favour of President Yoweri Museveni.
8. Suggestion: The palm oil that J-Palm Liberia produces comes from wild palm trees and is harvested by small-scale local farmers. The palm trees on the plantations have been grown and cultivated in industrial fashion.
9. Suggestion: Johnson provides the local farmers with milling machines which allows them to press out more oil from each palm fruit. Additionally, the farmers don't use fertiliser or pesticides and the money made does not go towards funding big businesses.
10. Suggestion: Any profits go directly back into the hands of the smallholder farmers.
11. Suggestion: Evans thinks that songs get everybody involved. The words are simple and the beat is simple so you don't have to be able to sing to join in.
12. Suggestion: Here, students are free to think creatively. Some suggestions are Whitney Houston's "I will always love you" which was written and first performed by Dolly Parton and Sinéad O'Connor's "Nothing compares 2 U" which was written and first performed by Prince.
13. b. out of line
14. a. regard for
15. c. flock in
16. c. ocean
17. a. kick