

NEWSREEL WORLD



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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
inquiry	an official process to discover the facts about something bad that has happened	hearing; interrogation
indigenous	naturally existing in a place or country rather than arriving from another place	native; domestic
systemic	relating to the whole of a system or organisation rather than just some parts of it	integral; fundamental
First Peoples	the groups of people whose ancestors lived in North America or Australia before the Europeans arrived	
commission	here: a group of people who have been chosen to discover information about a problem or examine the reasons why the problem exists	board; delegation
constitution	here: the political principles by which a state or organisation is governed	legislation: charter
misogynist	a man who hates women or believes that men are better than women	woman-hater
playbook	a set of rules that are considered to be suitable for a particular activity, industry or job	script; typescript
solemnly	seriously and without any humour	seriously; soberly
extraction	the process of removing or taking out something	distillation
mitigate	to make something less harmful, unpleasant, or bad	lighten: alleviate
belting	a specific technique of singing	

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

impact	the strong effect or influence that something has on a situation or person	effect; influence
dispossess	to take property, especially buildings or land, away from someone or a group of people	deprive; appropriate
perpetrate	to commit a crime or a violent or harmful act	inflict; commit
atrocities	extremely cruel, violent, or shocking acts	brutalities; crime
vicariously	here: experienced through the events that have happened to other people	by proxy; on behalf of
resilience	the ability to return to previously good conditions after problems	elasticity; recoil
conduct	a particular way of behaving	behaviour; attitude
archipelago	a group of small islands or an area of sea in which there are many small islands	
reiterate	to say something again or several times	repeat; echo
breach	to break a law, promise, agreement, or relationship	violation; transgression
skimpy	not enough or not large enough	sparse; inadequate
exempt	with special permission not to do something	immune; excused
sombre	dark and serious in tone	sad; cheerless

Australia: Truth and Reconciliation

1. What does Yoo-rrook mean?
2. What is the purpose of the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission?
3. Explain what Marcus Stewart (the guy in the photo on page 1) means when he says that: “we carry the atrocities that have occurred vicariously”.
4. According to Justin Mohamed, what category of people often get left out of the conversation?

Namibia: Taking a stand against sexism

5. What is the purpose of the *Choose to Challenge* campaign?
6. What has Monica Geingos and the campaign been accused of by some people?

The United States of America: A new era for environmental issues

7. Why has the appointment of Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior been especially welcomed by environmentalists?
8. What makes Deb Haaland unusual in comparison to other politicians (contemporary and former) serving in the US Cabinet?

Zanzibar: (Not) dressed for the occasion

9. What are the codes of conduct issued in tourist areas in Zanzibar?
10. How can the dress code beyond the tourist areas be described?
11. What is the problem regarding the fines issued?

Hong Kong: Feeling the music

12. What is C-pop and K-pop respectively?

Language points:

Match the titles on the left with their meaning on the right

12		The title given to two people who share the job of chairperson in a company or organisation.	A	First Lady
13		Head of the governmental department responsible for incoming visitors, recreation and culture.	B	Secretary of the Interior
14		A woman who is married to the political leader of a country or a part of a country	C	Co-chair
15		The person who has the position immediately below the Head of State, and who is responsible for the Head of State's duties if they are unable to do them.	D	Commissioner
16		An important official who has responsibility in a government department or another organisation	E	Tourism Minister
17		Head of the governmental department responsible for all federal land and natural resources in the US.	F	Vice President

Discussion points

The consequences of colonisation: Truth-telling processes to uncover the violations and crimes committed on First Peoples have taken place in several parts of the world from North America to South Africa and Australia. Often, the purpose of these processes is not to place blame but to achieve reconciliation by uncovering the truth of the events and thereby to be able to nuance and “re-write” history which is traditionally written by the “winners”.

- Do you think that it is the responsibility of contemporary governments to apologise for, and uncover the truths from events that happened hundreds of years ago? Why or why not?
- If yes, are apologies enough? Is there anything else the new generations of the First Peoples could be offered?
- An important aspect of a truth-telling process is that it hears witness statements from victims as well as perpetrators. In some countries, these witness statements have been open to the public and the media, in others they have taken place behind closed doors. Do you think truth-telling processes should be open events or should they take place behind closed doors? What are some arguments for one or the other?

In-depth assignment (if time permits):

- Sweden has been criticised by the United Nations on several occasions for failing to recognise its treatment of the Sami people both now and in the past. Find out more about the call for a truth-telling process in Sweden. Should there be one or not? What are the arguments for and against? Has the Swedish government apologised to the Sami people? When and in what context? Answer these questions and more in a short essay (max 500 words) with your peers as a target audience.

Dress-code dilemmas: In Zanzibar, tourists' failure to respect local dress codes has become a political matter on governmental level. What do you think about dress codes on and off the beach?:

- Should tourists be able to dress the way they want when on holiday? Why or why not?
- Should there be rules for how little clothing one can wear off the beach? Where should the line be drawn? Is it ok to wear beach clothes in restaurants, supermarkets, religious buildings and on public transport or is there a difference between these places?
- “When in Rome, do as the Romans do” (ta seden dit man kommer) is a saying which is often used in various contexts. Should this apply to tourists also? If yes, what would that entail for tourists in Zanzibar?
- What about Sweden? Are there dress codes here for on and off the beach? What is ok and what is not ok? Bikinis and speedos on the bus? In the supermarket? In a restaurant?

KEY

1. Suggestion: Yoo-rrook is the Wamba Wamba word for truth.
2. Suggestion: The purpose is to investigate past and present injustices experienced by First Peoples in the Australian state of Victoria and to address the ongoing impact of colonisation and violence perpetrated against Australia's First Peoples.
3. Suggestion: The repercussions of colonisation are still felt by the new generations of First Peoples. The wounds are still open and the injustices still in effect.
4. Suggestion: Young people.
5. Suggestion: It encourages everyone to challenge insults against women.
6. Suggestion: Geingos and the campaign were accused of having an agenda against all men.
7. Suggestion: In the past, Haaland has campaigned for the environment so environmentalists are hoping she will stay true to this cause when in office.
8. Suggestion: Haaland is the second Native American to serve in the US Cabinet.
9. Suggestion: The codes of conduct for visitors bars them from wearing swimsuits and skimpy outfits in public areas.
10. Suggestion: It can be described as conservative.
11. Suggestion: The fines are not given to the tourists but rather to the tour guides and tour operators.
12. C.
13. E.
14. A.
15. F.
16. D.
17. B.