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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary

<i>The following words are specific to the context of the programme. Make sure that you are familiar with them before listening.</i>		
Word	Description	Synonym
state of emergency	a temporary system of rules enforced by a government to deal with an extremely dangerous or difficult situation, such as for example a natural disaster	
nuclear fusion	the process of joining two nuclei (a nucleus = the core of an atom) to produce energy	
hydrogen fuel	an alternative fuel (bränsle) made from hydrogen (vätgas)	
domestic violence	violent behaviour within the home	battery
dowry	in some societies, an amount of money or property that a woman's family gives to the man she marries	marriage settlement
societal pressure	expectations from a community or from parts of it that force people to act in a certain way	
femicide	the crime of killing a woman or girl on account of her gender	gendercide
<i>The following words are general in nature. Take note of these to expand your general vocabulary of the English language.</i>		
hoard	to collect large amounts of something and keep it for yourself, often in a secret place	stash; accumulate
reel	to feel very confused or shocked	shake; stagger
spearhead	to lead an organised activity or project	lead; head
eligible	allowed to do or receive something because you satisfy certain conditions	fit; qualified
jab	a quick hard push or hit (from a needle); Note: especially used these days with reference to the Covid-19 vaccine, e.g. "to get the jab"	shot; injection
rollout	the act of making something, especially a product or service, available for the first time	demonstrate; present
venue	the place where a public event or meeting happens	scene; site
instrumental	important in causing something to happen	influential; involved in
disheartening	causing a person to lose confidence, hope, and energy	discouraging; disparaging
commodity	a product that can be traded, bought or sold	merchandise; goods
agency	the ability to take action or to choose what action to take	power; influence
implications	the effect that an action or decision will have on something else in the future	consequences; results
sustain	to suffer or experience damage or loss	undergo; endure
pass off	to try to make people believe that someone or something is other than what they are	
bustling	full of busy activity	busy; scurrying
rekindle	to stir life (or fire) into something again	renew; revive

Content questions

Botswana: Lack of vaccine leads to outrage

1. Why has Botswana been critical of wealthy nations?
2. How long has Botswana been under a State of Emergency?
 - a) 8 months
 - b) 9 months
 - c) 16 months
 - d) 18 months
3. What is one of the temporary rules enforced during these circumstances?
4. Explain what #VaccinateBotswana is.
5. According to the programme, what do some young Batswanan do when they cannot get hold of vaccine in Botswana?

Japan-Jamaica: Paying it forward

6. Why did Hansle Parchment not arrive to the right sports stadium to compete in the Olympic 110 metre hurdles?
7. What did Tiana do and what was the end result (for Hansle) of her kindness?

USA: Inventions for a clean future

8. What is used to heat and compress a tiny ball of hydrogen? What could the result of this process mean for our planet in the future?

India: Outlawed traditions persist

9. Explain some of the problems connected with the practice of dowry.
10. Why is it difficult to legally regulate the practice of dowry?
11. What did some villagers say about Randhir Singh who refused to accept dowry?

Language points

Match the concepts on the right with their meaning on the left.

12	To receive attention, admiration or respect for an achievement.	A	Run out
13	Something that is likely to happen or begin very soon.	B	Make a breakthrough
14	To find ways of solving an issue.	C	Face abuse
15	To finish, use or sell all of something, so that there is nothing left.	D	Go on the offensive
16	To be at risk of receiving criticism or even physical violence.	E	Sitting duck
17	To start attacking or criticizing someone before they start attacking or criticizing you.	F	Gain recognition
18	To succeed with an important development or achievement.	G	Make it work
19	A person or thing that is easy to attack; an easy target.	H	On the verge

Discussion points

Vaccine equity in times of crisis:

According to the programme, the Botswanan government has accused first world nations of hoarding Covid-19 vaccine. Despite experts claiming that global coverage of the vaccine is imperative to prevent death and disease from Covid-19 and to help stop new variants, wealthy nations seem unwilling to part with the doses they have acquired.

- Should there be international legislation imposed on pharmaceutical companies in times of global crises, to distribute medicine/vaccine evenly across the world rather than to the highest bidder? If yes, how could that “international legislation” come about and how would it be financed if not by the highest bidders? If no, why?
- According to the programme, some Batswana blame their own government for not doing enough and, in turn, the Botswanan government blame the WHO and wealthier nations. In your opinion, where does the responsibility for distribution of vaccine lie? With pharmaceutical companies? With individual governments? With the WHO? Or with something/someone other?
- Swedish authorities have been both criticised and applauded for their Covid-19 strategy which, in general, has been less rigid than many other countries with regard to restrictions. What do you think of the Swedish strategy?

Domestic abuse – a cultural problem?

In the programme, we hear about the practice of dowry in India through which a girl's family pays a man to marry her. According to the programme, this type of practice can lead to harassment of and violence against women and sometimes even to so-called dowry-murders.

- The practice of dowry is not part of Swedish culture, yet the problem of domestic abuse against girls and women is still a serious problem in our society. Can you think of reasons why violence against girls and women is such a big problem in Swedish society (in 2020 approximately 23 200 cases of domestic abuse against women were reported to the police).
- The concept “domestic abuse” spans more forms of abuse than physical violence. What other types of abuse can you think of and how could they be manifested within the domestic sphere, i.e. in people's homes?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

- What seems to be going on in the photo? Describe the scene to one of your friends. What do you think the context is? Why are people standing outside the lined-up cars?
- If you had not listened to the programme, what do you think you would have made of the photo? How do you think you would have explained it?

KEY

1. Suggestion: They are critical of nations who they claim are hoarding vaccines and refusing to sell vaccines to Botswana.
2. d. 18 months
3. Suggestion: One temporary ruling is a curfew keeping people in their homes from 8 pm to 4 am.
4. Suggestion: #VaccinateBotswana is an online movement, which gained international recognition when it blamed the Botswanan government for not doing enough to secure vaccines.
5. Suggestion: Some young Botswana cross the border to South Africa to get vaccinated there instead. This can cost them a great deal as it entails getting an expensive PCR test as well as travel expenses.
6. Suggestion: Hansle got on the wrong bus by accident.
7. Suggestion: Tiana lent him money so that he could catch a taxi to the right stadium. He arrived on time for the race and won an Olympic gold medal.
8. Suggestion: The laboratory uses lasers to heat and compress balls of hydrogen fuel and the result could potentially be a limitless, clean energy source in the future.
9. Suggestion: Dowry can place a great deal of financial strain on girls' families and married women can face abuse from their in-laws for not bringing enough dowry into the marriage.
10. Suggestion: In order to sidestep the law, dowries are passed off as voluntary gifts for the daughter entering into marriage.
11. Suggestion: Some of the villagers started spreading rumours that Randhir refused dowry because nobody wanted to marry him.
12. F
13. H
14. G
15. A
16. C
17. D
18. B
19. E