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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
snap election	an election that is announced suddenly and unexpectedly	
electorate	all the people in a country or area who are entitled to vote in an election	voters; constituency
discourse	authoritative speech or writing about a topic	discussion; communication
affordable housing	houses/apartments that can be afforded by people with a median to low income	low-cost housing
robotics	the branch of technology that deals with the design, construction, operation, and application of robots	mechanics; automation
small-scale farm	farms that use very little land and very little, if any, expensive technology	
ventilator	a machine that helps people breathe when they have difficulty breathing on their own	
mob	(here): a group of people who are friends or who are similar in some way (usually with negative connotations, but used positively here)	gang; group
<i>The following words are general in nature. Take note of these to expand your general vocabulary of the English language.</i>		
dissolve	(here): to end an official organisation or a legal arrangement	annul; discontinue
predict	to say that an event or action will happen in the future	anticipate; envision
pivotal	something that is important because other things depend on it	central; decisive
consequential	following as a result or effect of something else	momentous; significant
notably	to an important degree, or in a way that can or should be noticed	markedly; particularly
essential	(here): something that is very important or necessary	vital; crucial
adequately	in a way that is enough or satisfactory	sufficiently; appropriately
implement	to put a plan or system into operation	put into action; carry out
maiden	being the first of its type	inaugural; initial
official	a person who has a position of responsibility in a government or organisation	administrator; commissioner
erode	(here): to weaken or damage something by taking away parts of it gradually	wear away; corrode
descendant	a person related to someone from an earlier generation	heir; offspring
champion (verb)	to enthusiastically support, defend, or fight for a person, belief, right or principle	advocate; support
accessible	easy to understand, approach or use	attainable; approachable

Content questions

Canada: Young voters have their say

1. Approximately how much of the Canadian electorate is made up of young voters?
 - a. 30 percent
 - b. 50 percent
 - c. 40 percent
 - d. 20 percent
2. What is Justin Trudeau's argument for calling a snap election in the middle of a global pandemic and at the same time as Covid-19 cases are on the rise in Canada?
3. What parties have young voters primarily supported in this election? What are some of the reasons for why they are disillusioned with Justin Trudeau?
4. According to the programme, what are some of the main political concerns for young people in Canada?

Ghana, South Africa, Kenya and Egypt: Kicking it for women's football

5. According to the programme, what are some of the positive consequences expected from the African Women's Champions League?

Afghanistan and Qatar: An exodus of experts

6. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE.
 - a. Nine members of Afghanistan's all-male robotics team have fled to Qatar. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. The Afghan Dreamers has grown to fifty members. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. They won an award at the biggest robotics festival in the United States. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. They constructed ventilators out of car parts in 2020. TRUE/FALSE

Nigeria: Music made easy

7. Explain what Shazam is.

Australia: Keeping languages alive

8. Why is it problematic that only approximately ten languages dominate the internet?
9. According to Annalee Pope, what could be done in Australia to make indigenous languages more accessible to young people?
10. Give an example of a challenge connected to preserving indigenous languages in Australia.
11. According to the programme, why is Will lucky?

Language points

*Capitalisation is more frequently used in English than in Swedish. In general, the English language uses capitalisation for names and titles, geographical names and nationalities, political parties, religions, days, months, historical events, official buildings and the cardinal points (east, west, north, south) when referring to specific regions. Additionally, English uses capital letters for all the content words in titles of books, films, TV shows etc. For such titles, articles (the, a, an), prepositions as well as the words **and** and **but** take lowercase letters (liten bokstav) unless they are the first word in the title.*

Correct the following sentences by adding capitalisation to the appropriate words. Also, identify the capitalised words in English, which *do not* take capitalisation *in Swedish*:

1. justin trudeau is still the prime minister of canada, after calling a snap election two years before the next one was due.
2. trudeau, who has been leader of the liberal party since 2013, called the election in mid-august.
3. his move to dissolve parliament signalled confidence on the part of the liberals but was questioned by many canadians as covid cases were on the rise in some parts of the country.
4. young voters have been shifting their support from the governing liberal party to the new democrats and the green party, canada's left leaning progressive parties.
5. the line-up for the maiden african women's champions league in football has been finalised.
6. ghana's hasaacas ladies, sundowns ladies from south africa and river angels from kenya are just three of the eight sides competing in november.
7. wizkid featured in beyoncé's 2020 film black is king on the single brown skin girl, which also won best music video in this year's grammy awards.
8. the oldest culture in the world is the australian aboriginal or first nations people who have been living in australia for about 60,000 years.

Discussion points

Voting for change:

The recent election in Canada has shown that young voters are becoming increasingly frustrated with what they feel is a lack of action concerning the issues they feel strongly about.

- What are some of the most important political concerns for young people in Sweden do you think? Are young voters' concerns taken seriously by politicians?
- If you were a politician with authority, what would be your three major promises to your voters?
- Some studies report that young people are less likely to vote in elections. What is your experience? Do you think young people are less likely to use their right to vote and in that case, why? Or is your impression that young people actually do vote?
- Do you think there is a connection between voting and political interest or is it possible to be politically active and still choose not to vote? If the latter is true, why do you think that is?

Language preservation:

In this week's episode, we hear about the threat to indigenous languages in Australia and how the internet is dominated by only a few languages. Even though the Swedish language is not under threat of becoming extinct, some language experts claim that it is a problem that the Swedish language has been replaced by English in certain domains. For example, many international businesses in Sweden use English as their only language of communication, a great deal of Swedish musicians sing in English, English is the language used for a majority of dissertations at Swedish universities and so on.

- Do you agree with some language experts that Swedish is becoming more and more marginalised?
- Do you think that is a problem? Why or why not?
- English is a so-called lingua franca, which means that it is a common language spoken globally by people who do not have English as their first language. Discuss the pros and cons of a global lingua franca? Do the pros outweigh the cons or are the cons serious enough to overshadow the pros?

If you have time:

In Sweden, there are five national minority languages. Find out which these languages are and where they are spoken. Approximately, how many people in Sweden speak each of these minority languages and what is being done to preserve them?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

- Considering the episode you just heard, who do you think is pictured in the photograph? Describe this person to one of your friends. What do you think the context is?
- Imagine that the photo were on a postcard that you sent home to your family and friends when on holiday. What would you write on the back of the postcard to explain your choice of it?
- Find out what the man's face and body art represents.

KEY

1. c. 40 percent
2. Suggestion: Trudeau argues that people want to be part of the decision about which direction Canada should take at such an important moment in time as this is now.
3. Suggestion: Young voters in Canada have been shifting support from the governing party to the New Democrats and the Green Party which are both left-leaning progressive parties. Young voters in Canada seem disillusioned with Trudeau and other politicians for not adequately addressing their concerns.
4. Suggestion: Some of the major political concerns for young people are affordable housing and climate change.
5. Suggestion: It is hoped that the African Women's Champions League will boost the popularity and development of women's football across Africa.
6. a. FALSE
b. TRUE
c. FALSE
d. TRUE
7. Suggestion: Shazam is an app that allows you to find out the name of a song by opening the app and allowing the phone to listen to it.
8. Suggestion: The dominance of so few languages on the internet threatens the future of other languages and particularly indigenous languages.
9. Suggestion: Annalee Pope wants to involve indigenous languages in all aspects of young people's lives for example by making it possible for them to read and write their language on keyboards and in text messages.
10. Suggestion: One challenge is that there are very many First Nations languages; each community has its own language.
11. Suggestion: Will is lucky because he grew up with his language around him which means that he also learnt bits and pieces through cultural activities and through storytelling.
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