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Arbetsblad

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Photo: Sinethemba Bawuti runs the College of Magic's 'Magic in the Community' programme.

Photo credit: Siphesible Ndayi

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
funded	provided with money to pay for a particular event, activity or organisation	financed; endowed
Dame	a title that is given in the UK as a special honour to a woman	
anniversary	the day on which an important event happened in a previous year	ceremony; jubilee
autonomous	(of a country or region) having the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs	independent; self-governing
unrest	disagreements or fighting between different groups of people	disturbance; rebellion
partition	the dividing of a country into separate countries or areas of government	segregation; barrier
performing arts	forms of creative activity that are performed in front of an audience, such as drama, music, and dance	
puppetry	the skill of entertaining people with puppets (toys in the shape of people or animals, moved with strings or by someone's hand inside)	puppet show
levitate	to (cause to) rise and float in the air without any physical support	float; hover
township	(in South Africa) a suburb or city formerly designated for black people by apartheid legislation	
juggler	an entertainer who continuously tosses into the air and catches a number of objects so as to keep at least one in the air while handling the others	

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

poultry	domestic birds, such as chickens, that are bred for their eggs and meat	fowl; chicken
range	a set of similar things	assortment; collection
wand	a special thin stick waved by a person who is performing magic tricks	rod; staff
astonish	to surprise someone very much	surprise; astound
self-esteem	belief and confidence in your own ability and value	confidence; self-assurance
instil	to put a feeling or principle into someone's mind, so it influences the way that person thinks	implant; introduce
republic	a country governed by elected representatives of the people and a president	representative government
circumstances	facts or events that make a situation the way it is	situations; conditions
confidence	(here) a feeling of trust in your own abilities	assurance; certainty
emerge	to appear by coming out of something or out from behind something	appear; rise

Content questions

Uganda: Schooling complexities

1. In this week's episode, we learn that the circumstances for teachers in private schools versus teachers in government schools in Uganda, have been very different during the corona pandemic. What has been the major difference?
2. The Ugandan government has encouraged online studies during the pandemic. Why has this recommendation been a problem?
3. Why may some private schools in Uganda not be able to reopen?

Barbados: Republican beginnings

4. What happens in Barbados on 30 November 2021?

Australia: Sports concerns

5. How many professional footballers are there around the world according to a recent FIFA report?
 - a. over 128 000
 - b. under 128 000
 - c. over 228 000
 - d. under 228 000
6. According to the programme, how many of those thousands of professional players in men's football are openly gay?
 - a. 200
 - b. 2000
 - c. 2
 - d. 22

Kasmir: Expression through music

7. What does Ahmer Javad take his inspiration from? Explain what he means when he says that this source of inspiration is unfortunate.

South Africa: Self-esteem through magic

8. What do students aged ten and older learn at the College of Magic in Cape Town?
9. What was Duma Mgqoki's goal? When that goal has been reached, what else does Duma Mgqoki want to do?
10. What are some of the most important values that the College of Magic instils in its students?
11. In what way is the College of Magic like a second home, according to Catherine Boulle?



Photo: Jugglers from the College of Magic perform at Imagine! 2021.

Photo credit: Claude Barnardo

Language points:

Match the idiomatic expressions and titles on the right with their meaning on the left.

12	person who holds the highest position in a national government	A	means of survival
13	to do the same thing	B	remains to be seen
14	to stop or destroy	C	Head of State
15	the ways by which people stay alive and well	D	follow suit
16	writing thoughts, reflections or ideas onto paper	E	stomp out
17	something that is not yet known	F	pen down

Discussion points

Education at home:

In this week's episode, we learn about concerns in Uganda regarding the effects that Covid-19 restrictions have had on students when schools have shut down and students have been encouraged to continue their studies online. Many areas in Uganda do not have the infrastructure to support online learning and many families cannot afford the technology required to keep up with home-schooling online.

- Have you had home-schooling during the coronavirus pandemic? If yes, what would be your best advice to a student who is about to experience home-schooling?
- Do you think that home-schooling could have worked 20 years ago when we didn't have access to the type of technology that is available now? Why or why not? What are some alternatives to learning at home if there is no technology available?
- In your experience, what is good about online learning and should be kept and what should never be done again?
- Most studies of Swedish students' grades show no or little effects from home-schooling. In contrast to what many have suspected, the average grades awarded to students were approximately the same during home-schooling as they were before lockdown. Why do you think that is? Are you surprised? Does this mean we should continue home-schooling?

Homophobia in men's football:

Australian men's footballer Josh Cavallo is one of very few professional footballers who is openly gay. Unlike many other sports and unlike women's football, there is still a strong taboo about homosexuality in men's professional football.

- Why do you think homophobia is common in men's football but not in women's football?
- Do you think homophobia is widespread in other sports as well or is it primarily in men's football? If you think the former, what sports? If you think the latter, why do you think it's primarily in men's football homophobia prevails?
- What could and should be done about homophobia in men's football?
- 'Phobia' means an illogical or irrational fear of something or someone. What do you think homophobic people are actually afraid of?

Teachers' note

Tasks for working with the photo on page 1.

- Work with a friend.
- Imagine that your friend took the photograph on page 1.
- Interview them about the photograph asking questions about who the people in the photo are, what the aim of the photo is, where and for what it is going to be used and what the context of it is.
- Think of 2-3 questions of your own to pose to your “photographer friend”.

You can also use the photo on page 4 for this exercise.

KEY

1. Suggestion: The major difference is that teachers in private schools have not been paid at all during lockdown which has forced many of them to give up teaching and find other careers.
2. Suggestion: It's a problem because many parents cannot afford the technology required to maintain online education. Additionally, networks in many areas are poor.
3. Suggestion: They may not be able to open because there are no teachers; they have had to find new jobs during the pandemic.
4. Suggestion: On 30 November, Barbados' first president Dame Sandra Mason, will be sworn in.
5. a. over 128 000
6. c. 2
7. Suggestion: Ahmer Javad takes his inspiration from the conflict between India and Pakistan that has been going on for several decades. He thinks it is unfortunate that something so negative and difficult should be a source of inspiration for music.
8. Suggestion: The students learn skills in magic tricks and its associated performing arts.
9. Suggestion: Duma Mgqoki's goal was to be on TV and after that to travel.
10. Suggestion: Self-esteem and self-confidence are some of the most important values that the college instils.
11. Suggestion: It's like a second home because it is a supportive space of imagination and openness where students can feel free to express themselves and to be themselves.
12. C
13. D
14. E
15. A
16. F
17. B