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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
tribalism	behavior, attitudes, etc. that are based on supporting and being loyal to a tribe or other social group	
commodity	a product or a raw material that can be bought and sold	
the commonwealth	an organization consisting of the United Kingdom and other countries, including most of the countries that used to be part of the British Empire	
progression	the process of developing gradually from one stage or state to another	
cynicism	the belief that people only do things to help themselves, rather than for good or sincere reasons	
stoke	to make people feel something more strongly	hype, pump up

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

livelihood	a means of earning money in order to live	
monarch	a person who rules a country, for example a king or a queen	
jubilee	a special anniversary of an event, especially one that took place 25, 50 or 60 years ago; the celebrations connected with it	celebration
solidify	to become or to make something become more definite and less likely to change	
erosion	the process of gradually destroying something or making it weaker over a period of time	undermining
undermine	to make something, especially somebody's confidence or authority, gradually weaker or less effective	weaken, cripple

Sources: <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com>

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Content questions

Kenya: the general election in 2022

1. How old do you have to be to vote in the election in Kenya?
2. Why can the current president of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, not be re-elected in this year's election?
3. One of the presidential candidates is William Ruto. He has a strained relationship with the current president. Why?
4. Who is Raila Odinga and what does he promise to do if he is elected president?
5. What is the main problem facing Kenya according to Leonard?
6. What are the two most important issues for Mary in this election?

Jamaica: a commonwealth country

7. What is Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness's stance on the reign of Queen Elizabeth II?
8. When the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited Jamaica, they were treated to some cultural delights. What were these two cultural delights?
9. Explain the Windrush scandal in 2018.
10. Why does Avery not think it's a good idea for Jamaica to become independent?
11. What happened to Barbados in February this year?

Hong Kong: China undermines democratic freedom

12. What is the reason why Chief Executive Carrie Lam will not stand for another term in office?
13. Why have people in Hong Kong been protesting since 2014?
14. What was the agreement "One Country, Two Systems" supposed to ensure?
15. The National Security Law was passed in July 2020. What did this law entail for the democracy activists?

Language points

Complete the following idiomatic expressions

16. The country's current deputy president does not see ... to ... with his boss, the president.
 - a. here, there
 - b. face, face
 - c. eye, eye

17. He has styled himself as a ... of the poor.
 - a. champion
 - b. hero
 - c. defender

18. I think old is Even old candidates can have a good vision.
 - a. bold
 - b. gold
 - c. sold

19. Jamaica intends to complete its ... of independence from Britain.
 - a. turn
 - b. run
 - c. circle

20. The momentum for Jamaica becoming a republic picked up ... after Caribbean neighbours did so in February.
 - a. steam
 - b. speed
 - c. pace

21. Whether that discussion dies ... after the next few months is one of the questions surrounding this issue.
 - a. away
 - b. down
 - c. off

Discussion points

Sweden:

In September this year, Sweden will hold general elections to elect the members of the 349 seats in Parliament. In Sweden, you have to have turned 18 in order to have the right to vote. The general opinion is that voting is important and that even blank votes make a difference. Today, we heard how the most important issues for young people in Kenya are the economy and a peaceful election. We also heard, how Jamaicans reacted to the visit of the British Royal Family, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

- Will you be voting in the upcoming Swedish election? If so, what issues are the most important to you?
- Which party/parties do you feel promote(s) these issues best?
- How much does the Swedish King, Carl Gustaf, have to say when it comes to decision making in Sweden?
- What are the pros and cons of having a Royal Family in Sweden?

Countries that reign over other countries:

In the program today, we heard about Queen Elizabeth II's reign over several countries, Jamaica being one of those countries. While Britain's reign, at least in some countries, can be seen as symbolic, the Chinese reign over Hong Kong poses a threat to democracy.

- Do you think it's right that one country can rule over another? Why or why not?
- Do you think it's time for the countries under British rule to remove the Queen as head of state? What are the pros and cons of independence from British rule? Could there be financial gains? You can use the discussions you heard in today's program as a reference, but you can also include other countries under British rule, such as Australia or Canada.
- If Sweden was to be governed by another country, which country do you think would have the approval of the Swedish population, if any? Motivate your answer.
- The current war in Ukraine is an example of a big country, Russia, trying to rule another smaller country, Ukraine. How can we prevent the big countries in the world from taking advantage of the smaller countries?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

- Read to your students: As you can see in the picture, polling stations can be quite simple. Sometimes there's a long cue you have to stand in before you can vote and the wait can be tiresome. If you found yourself in charge of a polling station, how would you make it more attractive so that people would stay and place their votes in spite of the cues?
- Let your students create a role play about going to the polling station. What could it be like? What could go wrong? What events could take place? It could involve humour, suspense, or even romance...
- Ask your students to make a list of all the movies or TV series they have seen involving people voting. The movies or TV series can be fictional, documentary or even reality series. What was the movie/TV series about? What were they voting for? What happened when they voted? Haven't seen a movie or TV series involving people voting? – how about this one of Mr Bean for comic relief in 1992:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLrwV_gIq3U

KEY

1. You have to be eighteen to vote.
2. Uhuru Kenyatta has been the president of Kenya for two consecutive terms, which is the limit.
3. The vice president has moved to a different party and is now running for president himself.
4. Raila Odinga is the son of the country's first Vice President Jaramogi Oginga Odinga. He pledges to boost the economy and improve the livelihood of Kenyans.
5. Tribalism and the fact that people are voting based on what tribe the nominee belongs to.
6. Mary would like to see a peaceful election and economic stability.
7. The Prime Minister is against the British rule and has announced that Jamaica intends to become independent from Britain and will remove the Queen as head of state.
8. They were treated to drumming and a football game in Trench Town.
9. The Windrush scandal was in 2018 when the UK government wrongly deported or detained Jamaicans and other African-Caribbeans who had a legal right to stay in the UK.
10. Avery does not think it's a good idea because Jamaica as a country lacks resources and he likes the idea of having a first world country to rely on.
11. Barbados became a republic in February of this year by removing Queen Elizabeth II as head of state.
12. Lam has been heavily criticized for overseeing the erosion of Hong Kong's democratic freedoms during her time in charge.
13. They have been protesting the restriction of Hong Kong's democratic freedoms by China.
14. The agreement was meant to ensure that Hong Kong would remain a democracy within China's single party state.
15. The democracy activists started to be arrested, to be charged with crimes, sent to prison or resorted to live in exile.
16. c. eye, eye
17. a. champion
18. b. gold
19. c. circle
20. a. steam
21. b. down