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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
intimidate	to frighten or threaten somebody so that they will do what you want	bully, strong-arm
offensive	rude in a way that causes somebody to feel upset or annoyed because it shows a lack of respect	obnoxious
hail	to praise somebody/something publicly	worship
blare	to make a loud unpleasant noise	
thrive	to become, and continue to be, successful, strong, healthy, etc.	prosper, flourish
appeal to	a quality that makes somebody/something attractive or interesting	
patriotism	love of your country and the desire to defend it	
secular	not connected with spiritual or religious matters	
surge	a sudden increase in the amount or number of something	
incite	to encourage somebody to do something violent, illegal or unpleasant, especially by making them angry or excited	provoke, instigate, stir (up)
malicious	(of software or computer code) intended to damage somebody's computer or data files	
precedent	an official action or decision that has happened in the past and that is seen as an example or a rule to be followed in a similar situation later	
incorporate	to include something so that it forms a part of something	integrate
pidgin English	a simple form of a language with a limited number of words, that are used together with words from a local language. It is used when people who do not speak the same language need to talk to each other.	
advocate	a person who supports or speaks in favor of somebody or of a public plan or action	supporter
obstacle	a situation, an event, etc. that makes it difficult for you to do or achieve something	hurdle, hindrance, impediment
replicate	to copy something exactly	copy, reproduce
antagonize	to do something to make somebody angry with you	
CV (curriculum vitae)	a written record of your education and the jobs you have done, that you send when you are applying for a job	

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

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Content questions

India: anti-Muslim music goes viral

1. What is the message "saffron pop" wishes to convey?
2. What happened recently at the city of Bilaspur?
3. According to Navsharan Singh, a political scientist, what tools are these right wing Hindu politicians using to get their message across?
4. How are the singers of "saffron pop" defending their music and the consequences thereof?
5. Inciting hate is against the law in India. What actions are being taken by the government and social media companies against this kind of music?

Australia: hackers target government officials

6. How did the hackers trick the government officials into installing the malicious code on their computers?
7. Who does the US-based security company, Proofpoint, say is behind the attack?

The Olympics: A swimming cap sets a new precedent

8. A swimming cap for afro hair has finally been approved for top-level competitions. What was the reason for it being banned in the last summer Olympics in Tokyo 2021?

North America: First Nation singer rises to popularity

9. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE

a. Tia's last name is Wood.	TRUE/FALSE
b. Tia is Cree and Salish.	TRUE/FALSE
c. She first rose to popularity on Tumblr.	TRUE/FALSE
d. She has over two million followers.	TRUE/FALSE

Nigeria: entrepreneurs fight to save a minority language

10. How many people speak Ekpeye in Nigeria?
11. According to Lucky, which languages can you hear when walking around in a city such as Nkpolu Oroworukwo?
12. Who is Umasoye Igwe and what is her role in saving the Ekpeye language?
13. What is the main obstacle in getting people to learn the Ekpeye language?
14. According to Umasoye Igwe, how are minority versus majority languages treated in schools in Nigeria?

Language points

Are you aware of the capitalization rules for English? Underline all the words in the following sentences that should be capitalized. In the next step try to explain why the words are capitalized. If you are unsure of the rules behind capitalization, search the rules online or go to <https://www.grammarbook.com/punctuation/capital.asp>.

15. the genre, known as "saffron pop", is gaining millions of views on youtube amongst right-wing hindus and is being used to intimidate muslims offline as well.
16. the us-based data security company proofpoint said they are "almost certain" the hackers were spying for the chinese government.
17. alice dearing, the first black woman to represent great britain in an olympic swimming event, said the decision "sets a precedent for the sport".
18. tia is cree and salish, two first nation groups in north america.

Discussion points

The antagonizing effect of music

In the first segment today, we heard how "saffron pop" is gaining ground, intimidating the Muslim community in India.

- Do you think this type of music should be allowed to be recorded? Why? Why not?
- Do you know of any more examples of music that are meant to provoke a reaction in this way?
- What about the opposite type of music - do you know of any music that was made in order to promote peace, friendship, love and understanding? If you were to write such a song, how would it go?

Majority and minority languages:

In today's program, we heard about the The Speak Ekpeye Fluently Initiative and how only the majority languages were encouraged to be taught in schools in Nigeria. Although the majority language in Sweden is Swedish, Sweden is one of a few countries in the world that has mother tongue instruction for students speaking a mother tongue other than Swedish provided there are at least five students in the group. For student speaking one of the national minority languages, instruction in the language is protected and guaranteed even if the group is smaller than five students. Students in Sweden also start learning English at a young age, depending on the municipality between the first and the fourth school year. In the sixth year of school, students are offered a chance to study an additional language, such as French, German and Spanish.

- What do you think about the language situation in schools in Sweden? Do you feel encouraged to learn both majority and minority languages?
- How many languages do you think a person should be able to speak? Which languages do you know and which language(s) would you like to know in the future? Which languages are represented in the classroom?
- In your opinion, do all languages have equal worth? Or are some languages worth more? Why? Why not? Worth can be discussed in different ways, for instance the number of people speaking a language, but also whether you could make a career out of speaking a language or if a language has sentimental value, or if it can be useful for travel etc.
- Which languages do you think should be the official languages of Sweden? Which languages are the official languages of Sweden? Do you know?
- Should language be protected in our society? Should we prevent languages from dying out? Are you familiar with The Language Act (2009:600), a law containing the provisions of Swedish and the national minority languages? What does it say about Swedish, the national minority languages and mother tongues other than Swedish? You may find the Language Act in English [here](#).

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1: In the picture we see Umasoye Igwe, the founder of The Speak Ekpeye Fluently Initiative, an accomplished young woman. Ask a friend to take a similar portrait picture of you and use it for one of the following tasks:

- Write your CV (curriculum vitae) in English and post your picture at the top right corner of the first page.
- Use your picture and give a presentation of yourself to your class, describing your future self and all the accomplishments you hope to make.
- Record yourself speaking as an expert on any topic you know well and let the class listen to the recording while your picture is showing on the board.

KEY

1. "Saffron pop" is telling Muslims to worship the Hindu god Ram or else. It is called "saffron pop" because the color of saffron is sacred to Hindus.
2. A crowd assembled in front of a mosque, dancing and cheering to hateful music urging violence against Muslims. Fighting ensued, people were seriously injured and one person died.
3. The right wing politicians are using cultural products such as music, poetry and cinema.
4. The singers say their music is a form of dedication to their Hindu religion, and nothing more.
5. So far no strict action has been taken by either the Indian government or the social media companies.
6. The targets were made to believe that they were invited to write for a news organisation, which was designed to look similar to the BBC.
7. Proofpoint are almost certain that the hackers were spying for the Chinese government.
8. The swimming cap was banned because it was claimed it didn't fit "the natural form of the head".
9. a. TRUE
b. TRUE
c. FALSE
d. TRUE
10. It is estimated that fewer than 150, 000 people speak Ekpeye in the southern parts of Nigeria.
11. In a city such as Nkpolu Oroworukwo you can hear standard English, pidgin English, Ijaw, Ikwerre, Ogoni and Ekpeye.
12. Umasoye Igwe is the founder of The Speak Ekpeye Fluently Initiative. She is a Nigerian born creative writer, tech enthusiast and advocate for indigenous languages.
13. There are no books or learning materials to use for the Ekpeye language.
14. It is mainly the majority languages that are taught in schools, whereas the minority languages are not encouraged to be taught.
15. The genre, known as "saffron pop", is gaining millions of views on YouTube amongst right-wing Hindus and is being used to intimidate Muslims offline as well.
Explanation: The - the first word of a sentence, YouTube - is a proper noun and a brand name, Hindus and Muslims - adjectives which refer to the proper nouns of religion (Hinduism and Islam).
16. The US-based data security company Proofpoint said they are "almost certain" the hackers were spying for the Chinese government.
Explanation: The - the first word of a sentence, US - adjective referring to a country and a proper noun, Proofpoint - company name and a proper noun, Chinese - nationality and a proper noun.
17. Alice Dearing, the first black woman to represent Great Britain in an Olympic swimming event, said the decision "sets a precedent for the sport".
Explanation: Alice Dearing - a name and a proper noun, Great Britain - a landmass consisting of several countries and a proper noun, Olympic - a special occasion and a proper noun.
18. Tia is Cree and Salish, two First Nation groups in North America.
Explanation: Tia - name and a proper noun, Cree - a tribal name and a proper noun, Salish - a tribal name and a proper noun, First Nation - a collective name for indigenous people and a proper noun, North America - a continent and a proper noun.