

NEWSREEL WORLD



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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
skyrocket	to cause to rise or increase abruptly and rapidly	soar
stagnant	not developing, growing or changing	static
significantly	in a way that is large or important enough to have an effect on something or to be noticed	dramatically
escalate	to become greater, worse, more serious	in this context: increase
commodity	a product or a raw material that can be bought and sold	product
geopolitical	connected with the political relations between countries and groups of countries in the world, as influenced by their geography	
productivity	the rate at which a worker, a company or a country produces goods, and the amount produced, compared with how much time, work and money is needed to produce them	
contraception	the practice of using artificial methods to avoid becoming pregnant when having sex	birth control
eligible	a person who is <i>eligible</i> for something or to do something, is able to have or do it because they have the right qualifications, are the right age, etc.	
taboo	considered so offensive or embarrassing that people must not mention it	
scheme	a plan or system for doing or organizing something	
referendum	an occasion when all the people of a country can vote on an important issue	election
preventative	intended to try to stop something that causes problems or difficulties from happening	precautionary
wellbeing	general health and happiness	welfare
reproductive	connected with reproducing babies, i.e, the ability to make babies	
autonomy	the ability to act and make decisions without being controlled by anyone else	independence
prohibitive	(of a price or a cost) so high that it prevents people from buying something or doing something	exorbitant
aboriginal	relating to the original people living in Australia before Europeans arrived	indigenous

Sources: <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com> and <https://www.merriam-webster.com>

Content questions

Jamaica: faces economic challenges

1. Why has the price of oil gone up in Jamaica?
2. For what other commodities have the prices gone up? Give three examples.
3. What kind of tough decision does Tajera have to make on a daily basis?
4. According to Dr. Andre Haughton, what must the Jamaicans do in order to reverse the current crisis?

Australia: indigenous leaders make their voices heard

5. What is the meaning of the aboriginal word *Maroondah*?
6. Why does the head of government in the state of Victoria want to change the name of a hospital?

India: a CATastrophe waiting to happen?

7. The world's first inter-continental relocation of eight cheetahs from Namibia to India is met with some scepticism. Why?

Uganda: singer goes solo

8. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. Cindy started her career at the age of 15. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. She was in a girl group called Blu 3. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. She has since won two national awards. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. Her performance at the Nyege Nyege festival was cancelled. TRUE/FALSE

Ireland: times are changing for women

9. What is the Irish government offering to all women aged 17 to 25?
10. Explain how this is a big change compared to how things were in the early 2000s.
11. According to Fay White, why is this so important?
12. How are the National Women's Council intending to proceed?

Language points

Apostrophes are used in English to show a contraction, such as *I'll* for *I will*, or for possession, such as *Jane's* book. Look at the sentences below and see if you can contract any words to create a new contracted word. Also, see if any apostrophes are needed to show possession. You can use [this website](#) to learn more about the use of apostrophes in English.

13. If you used to buy two pounds of rice, you can not buy two pounds of rice because it has increased.
14. I am in Emancipation Park and I see many young people and I want to speak to a few of them to get a feel as to how they are coping.
15. It is the worlds first inter-continental translocation of cheetahs.
16. Fay White is womans health officer at the Irish National Womens Council.
17. They said you are underage or under 18 or something, so we can not sell it to you. It was shocking because she is not a little child.
18. For now, twenty-year-old Sarah is feeling hopeful about what the scheme means for Irelands future.
19. I think it is definitely something that is needed within the country, especially given our history, you know.

Discussion points

Cost and carbon footprint:

The war between Russia and Ukraine has affected the whole world in terms of pricing. As an example, in Sweden we are preparing for record prices on energy this winter. This, in combination with the Paris Agreement, which is a global agreement to reduce the effects of climate change to below 2 degrees Celsius, has meant that many people are changing the way they go about their daily lives.

- Governments all over the world have had to step in to help their people in the current energy crisis. Do you know of any such examples?
- What is Sweden doing to fight climate change? Is it enough do you think? Or could more be done? Are there examples from other governments that we should adopt?
- Make a list of all the ways an average person can use less energy and contribute to saving the climate at the same time. Prioritize them according to the impact you think they might have on the environment and in terms of cost. Do you agree when it comes to the items that can make the most impact?
- The Paris Agreement is an agreement made between the world leaders of the United Nations to fight climate change. Do you know how the countries involved are going about helping the climate? List a few significant examples. Read more on the Paris Agreement [here](#).

Women's reproductive rights:

In Ireland, contraception is now free for women between the ages of 17 and 25. This is quite the turnaround for a country in which it was illegal to get an abortion before 2018. As of late, abortion laws in different countries have been discussed heavily on the news, and in Sweden especially before the election.

- Do you think it's right to put an age limit on contraception? If yes, why? If no, why not? What effect does the age limit have do you think?
- The responsibility for contraception is usually placed on the woman. Do you think this is good, or would you like to see a change in this regard? If yes, why would you like to change this and how could it be done? If no, motivate why the responsibility should belong to the woman alone.
- In today's program, Sarah talks about how sex and sexual health was never discussed in school. In Sweden, teachers are obligated to cover sex, mutual consent and relationships in school, both through individual subjects and across subjects on specific days dedicated to health. How do you think this should be covered in schools? Would you like to have a lesson/several lessons on the topic with both girls and boys present? Or would you prefer to discuss sex and sexual health in groups of only girls and only boys? Or perhaps a mix, with some lessons all together and some lessons separate? From what age do you think this should be implemented?
- In Sweden it is legal to have an abortion up until the 18th week of pregnancy. After that you may obtain a special permission to have an abortion, but no later than week 21 plus six days, after which the foetus may be able to survive outside the female body. In Ireland, it is legal to have an abortion up until the 12th week of pregnancy and later, if the woman's life is at risk or if the foetus has a fatal abnormality. Which of these two laws do you prefer and why?

Teachers' note

Working with the photos on page 1:

- Work in pairs. One of you will draw the first photo without seeing it, while the other will help with the drawing by describing the photo.
- When you are done with the first drawing, switch places with your partner. Now draw the second photo following the same protocol, one of you will draw, while the other will describe the photo to help with the drawing.
- Once the drawings have been completed, place the drawings of the same photo next to each other. If possible, call in students or teachers from another class to be judges. Which drawing comes closest to the real photo?

KEY

1. Russia is one of the world's largest exporters of oil, but because of sanctions placed on Russia because of the war on Ukraine, the cost of oil from other sources has gone up.
2. Gas, rice, wheat, food in general as well commodities that are traded globally.
3. Whether to have breakfast or lunch, because some days she can't afford both.
4. The country needs to increase its productivity and export more than it imports.
5. *Maroondah* means 'leaf'.
6. The head of government in Victoria, Daniel Andrews, want to change the name of a hospital in honour of Queen Elizabeth II who died recently.
7. The critics of the relocation say that not enough has been done to ensure that the cheetahs will be able to adapt and survive in their new environment.
8. a. FALSE
b. TRUE
c. FALSE
d. FALSE
9. Contraception and visits to doctors to check up on them.
10. In the early 2000s, talking about sex and sexual health was taboo. It just wasn't talked about and abortion was against the law.
11. According to Fay White, it is important because it is a step in the right direction for women's reproductive rights. The scheme offers women bodily autonomy and gives women choices as well as removing the barrier of cost.
12. The council is fighting to extend the scheme to include all women, including those younger than seventeen and older than twenty five.
13. **Can not** contracts to **can't**. **It has** contracts to **it's**.
14. **I am** contracts to **I'm**. **They are** contracts to **they're**.
15. **It is** contracts to **it's**. **World's** receives an apostrophe to show possession.
16. **Woman's** and **women's** both receive an apostrophe to show possession.
17. **You are** contracts to **you're**. **Can not** contracts to **can't**. **She is** contracts to **she's**.
18. **Ireland's** receives an apostrophe for possession.
19. **It is** is contracted to **it's**. **That is** is contracted to **that's**.