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Arbetsblad

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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
femicide	the crime of killing a woman or girl because she is female	
vigil	an event or a period of time when a person or group stays in a place and quietly waits, prays, etc., especially at night	
exacerbate	to make something worse, especially a disease or problem	aggravate, complicate, worsen
resolution	the act of solving or settling a problem	
patriarchal	ruled or controlled by men; giving power and importance only to men	
dictate	to control or influence how something happens	determine
subservient	less important than something else	inferior, subordinate
autonomy	the ability to act and make decisions without being controlled by anyone else	
condemnation	an expression of very strong disapproval	criticism
verification	the act of showing or checking that something is true or accurate	confirmation
suppress	to prevent something from growing, developing or continuing	inhibit
disband	to stop somebody/something from operating as a group	break up, dissolve
alleged	stated as a fact but without any proof	
misappropriation	the act of taking somebody else's money or property for yourself, especially when they have trusted you to take care of it	rip off, steal
proress	great skill at doing something	

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

Content questions

Jamaica: protests in the wake of murder

1. Who was Aneka Townsend and why was she murdered?
2. Explain the meaning of femicide.
3. How common is intimate partner violence in Jamaica?
4. According to Professor Opal Palmer Adisa, the Covid pandemic has made the situation worse for women in Jamaica. Why do you suppose that is?
5. What is the Global 16 Days Campaign?
6. What does Aneka's friend Sheena suggest the government should do?

America: Musk takes charge of Twitter

7. Why is Musk charging a fee of 8 dollars for Twitter users to keep their blue tick?
8. How come critics are sceptical of what Musk is doing?

New Zealand: a new tax scheme is proposed

9. Why is the government of New Zealand proposing a tax on cow and sheep burps?
10. What is one way for farmers to reduce the methane gas and, at the same time, be rewarded by the government?

Hong Kong: singer with retro sound

11. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE

a. The song is entitled Friday Forever by artist Lagchun.	TRUE/FALSE
b. City pop is a combination of jazz and R&B.	TRUE/FALSE
c. Lagchun combines English and Mandarin in his songs.	TRUE/FALSE
d. The music is heavily influenced by the 80s.	TRUE/FALSE

Kenya: football on the rise

12. The national woman's team of Kenya was supposed to play an international match against Uganda earlier this year. Why was the team forced to withdraw?
13. How has football helped Catherine Aringo?
14. Who is Sauda Abbas?

Language points

Complete the following idiomatic expressions.

15. I've always been concerned about it but now it has hit ...
 - a. back
 - b. down
 - c. home

16. It is a real ... opener for me.
 - a. eye
 - b. mind
 - c. ear

17. We ... light on it for a day, and then by the next day, it's like nothing happened.
 - a. put
 - b. turn
 - c. shed

18. It has ... violent protest and widespread condemnation.
 - a. fired
 - b. sparked
 - c. sprung

19. Women's football is on the ...
 - a. rise
 - b. run
 - c. way

20. When I was a young lad in primary school, football wasn't on our ...
 - a. map
 - b. radar
 - c. compass

Discussion points

Fighting femicide

The murder of Anika Townsend in Jamaica sparked violent protests and many people attended a vigil in her honour, as can be seen in the picture on page 1. Femicide is not just a problem in Jamaica, but a problem that exists all over the world. One of the suggestions made in the program to tackle femicide, is to give more severe penalties to the men committing the crimes against women. What other possible solutions could there be to reducing the violence against women? What can be done by governments? Schools? Individuals?

- In the program, Amelia is disappointed in the fact that people are quick to attend vigils and shed light on a crime that has happened, but less inclined to work for a long-term change in between the different cases of femicide. How do we make people remember the victims of femicide always and not just in the moments after a crime has been committed?
- In Sweden, Fadime Sahindal became a victim of femicide at the age of 26 when she was murdered by her father in 2002. Every year candles are lit on her grave on the 21st of January, the day which she was killed. A yearly gala is arranged in Stockholm by a national organization called GAPF (Glöm Aldrig Pela och Fadime (Never Forget Pela and Fadime)), an organization against honour violence.
 - Write down some key notes on GAPF. Read more about Fadime [here](#). Read more about GAPF [here](#). Present your findings to the class
 - Learn more about femicide and honour crimes in Sweden. Go to the web page of the Swedish Police, for instance. Which crimes can be honour related? Were there any crimes that you hadn't viewed as being honour related?
 - Do you know of any other victims of femicide or honour crimes in Sweden?

The women's peace line ([Kvinnofridslinjen](#)) is a national helpline in Sweden where anyone, even men, can call free of charge. The line is manned around the clock, and you can remain anonymous. It does not appear on your phone bill.

Women's football and women in sports

Women's football is on the rise in Kenya and in many other nations around the world. However, as we heard in the program, female footballers often feel unsupported and do not have access to the same equipment as the male footballers. This is also the case in many other sports, such as women's basketball, netball and hockey where female professional players generally are paid much less than their male counterparts.

- Why do you think there is less support for women's sports generally? Think about the support that exists for male sport teams and compare it for the women's teams on the national, community and individual level. What differences do you see?
- What sports do you play/follow? Do you see a difference in the endorsement between male and female players in this sport also?
- In some sports, the way female players dress has been heavily discussed, such as in tennis where Serena Williams' catsuit was criticized by French Tennis Federation President as it was considered disrespectful to the game in 2018. Women have also faced criticism for not looking female enough, such as Dutee Chand, an Indian professional sprinter whose testosterone levels were tested in 2015. The test revealed her levels to be too high and she was banned from competing. Chand appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport and won. She was allowed to compete again a year after the test was taken. Do you know of any more cases where female athletes have been treated this way? Do you know of any male athletes whose attire or physical appearance has been criticized similarly? Read more about [Serena's](#) or [Chand's](#) case here.

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photos on page 1:

- The first photo is of the vigil for Anika Townsend. Have you ever seen or been to a vigil? Write a short summary of what it was like? If you have no personal experience, search the web for famous vigils in the past and make a short summary of what you find.
- Working with the first photo, pretend you are a reporter reporting the tragic passing of Anika Townsend. What would you say about what has happened? How would you describe the scene?
- In the second photo, we see footballers from the Uweza Foundation. One of the Kenyan women's national players, Suzanne Aniva, said in the program that one of the things they lacked were jerseys. If you were to design the Kenyan national women's football team's jersey, or your own football team's jerseys, what would they look like? What colours would you choose and why?

KEY

1. Aneka Townsend was an influencer on social media. She was murdered simply because she was an influential female.
2. Femicide is a hate crime and is what happens when a woman or girl is murdered as a result of being female.
3. According to the Caribbean Policy Research institute more than 1 in 4 Jamaican women are affected.
4. Suggestion: in many places the pandemic has meant living in quarantine and/or lockdowns which has meant that women have been less inclined to leave the house.
5. The Global 16 Days campaign is an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. It starts on the 25th of November each year and ends on the 10th of December.
6. Sheena's suggestion is to have more drastic penalties for the men committing the violent acts against women.
7. According to Musk, the old system of account verification was outdated. This way everyone gets a shot at verification.
8. Critics are sceptical as the old way of verifying accounts was a way for users to see which sources could be trusted on Twitter. By charging a fee, critics fear that circulation of misinformation will increase.
9. The New Zealand government is proposing a tax on the methane gas emitted by cow and sheep in order to reduce the country's carbon emissions.
10. One way is for the farmer to give the animals feed that will produce less methane gas.
11.
 - a. FALSE
 - b. TRUE
 - c. FALSE
 - d. TRUE
12. The team was forced to withdraw after it was revealed that the country's federation was to be banned for corruption.
13. She was able to finish school with the help of a football scholarship.
14. Sauda Abbas is a promising Kenyan footballer who has been invited to try out for a French team.
15. c. home
16. a. eye
17. c. shed
18. b. sparked
19. a. rise
20. b. radar