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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
inequality	the unfair difference between groups of people in society, when some have more wealth, status or opportunities than others	diversity
formulate	to create or prepare something carefully, giving particular attention to the details	articulate
addictive	if a substance or activity is addictive , it makes people unable to stop using it or doing it	
radical	new, different and likely to have a great effect	extreme
intervention	action taken to improve or help a situation	interfere
whim	a sudden wish to do or have something, especially when it is something unusual or unnecessary	notion, caprice
deprive	to take something away from	
vaping	the activity of using electronic cigarettes or similar devices to breathe in vapour, usually containing nicotine	
rip stick	a brand of vape device	
nic stick	a type of disposable vape bar	
stringent	very strict and that must be obeyed	rigorous, uncompromising
plaintiff	a person who makes a formal complaint against somebody in court	accuser
fertility	the ability to produce babies, young animals, fruit or new plants	
foetus	a young human or animal before it is born, especially a human more than eight weeks after fertilization	
landmark	an event, a discovery, an invention, etc. that marks an important stage in something	milestone
treaty	a formal agreement between two or more countries	
fuse	to come together to form a single unit	combine
unexploited	something that has not been used before	
adequate	enough in quantity, or good enough in quality, for a particular purpose or need	decent, satisfactory
allocation	the act of giving something to somebody for a particular purpose	allotment
eligible	a person who is eligible for something or to do something, is able to have or do it because they have the right qualifications, are the right age, etc.	qualified, capable
applicant	a person who makes a formal request for something (= applies for it), especially for a job, a place at a college or university, etc.	candidate
antiquated	old-fashioned and no longer suitable for modern conditions	outdated
sustainable	involving the use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment	viable
conceive	when a woman conceives or conceives a child , she becomes pregnant	
consensual	agreed to by the people involved; done with the consent of the people involved	reciprocal, mutual

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

Content questions

New Zealand: generation smoke-free

1. How does the new law guarantee that an entire generation will be smoke-free?
2. What goal is the country trying to reach by 2025?
3. To reach the goal there are three radical interventions. What are they?
4. How do young people feel about the plan?
5. There is one problem with the plan. What is it?

USA, Texas: a new law risking female lives

1. Why are five women suing the state of Texas?
2. What happened to Amanda Zurawski?
3. How many states in the US are enforcing this law?

United Nations: a landmark international agreement

4. How many countries have signed the UN High Seas Treaty?
5. How much of the world's oceans are protected today and how much will be protected by 2030 according to this treaty?
6. The treaty aims to prevent three things. What are they?

Ghanaian and Indian artists join forces

7. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The song is called *Shut up*. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. The artists are called KiDi and Tulsi Kumar. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The lyrics are both in English and Gujarati. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. The music video features kathakali dancers. TRUE/FALSE

Tanzania: taps into unexploited potential

13. What is the Tanzanian government planning to do?
14. Why is the African Development Bank Group promising \$10 billion over the next five years?
15. What requirements do you have to fulfill in order to apply and take part in the government plan?
16. What does Margreth hope this government plan will lead to?

Language points

Complete the following idiomatic expressions.

17. I think that it's a good ... towards the health of future generations.
 - a. step
 - b. hop
 - c. stride

18. We need to really get a ... on it.
 - a. brake
 - b. pedal
 - c. handle

19. Smoking is an issue for our generation and we're ... with it.
 - a. fighting
 - b. dealing
 - c. discussing

20. So we've got to get on ... of that.
 - a. board
 - b. top
 - c. edge

21. It's all apart of a plan to ... the potential of the country's agriculture.
 - a. tap
 - b. tip
 - c. top

Discussion points

A. Smoking and legal age

In today's episode we heard about New Zealand changing the legal age limit for smoking to prevent anyone aged 14 or under from ever being legally allowed to smoke. The young people are supportive of this new plan to have a smoke free generation, whereas the tobacco companies are saying that the youth is deprived of their rights .

- What is your opinion on the matter? Do you think what the New Zealand government is doing is a good idea? Would you like to see the Swedish government do the same?
- What do you think is more common in Sweden, smoking or vaping? Why do you think that is?
- What is the legal age for smoking in Sweden? Do you think this is an appropriate legal age, or would you like to see it changed?
- According to the Public Health Agency of Sweden, about 100,000 people contract smoking-related diseases and about 12,000 people die from tobacco smoking each year in Sweden alone. How much do you know about tobacco? Where does it come from? What does a cigarette contain? What is more harmful do you think, smoking cigarettes or vaping? If you don't know the answers, go online and see what you can find. If you can't find information on your own, this is a good place to start:

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/causes-of-cancer/smoking-and-cancer/whats-in-a-cigarette-0>

<https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/the-public-health-agency-of-sweden/living-conditions-and-lifestyle/andtg/tobacco/>

- If you are a smoker and would like to quit, visit the following website to get help:

<https://www.slutarokalinjen.se>

B. Abortion laws around the world

Abortion laws can vary a great deal in different countries. While some countries allow free abortions on request, other countries have restrictions or conditions that have to be fulfilled in order for abortion to be an available option. Restrictions can be gestation limits, which means that you may only have an abortion up until you have been pregnant for a certain number of weeks. After you have passed the gestation limit, it becomes more difficult, or impossible even, to have an abortion. Other restrictions can be if there is a risk involved for the mother to carry the baby full term. Some countries will allow an abortion if the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest. Yet other countries prohibit abortion altogether.

- In Sweden abortion is allowed up until 18 weeks of pregnancy. After the 18th week you need to have special permission in order to be allowed an abortion. What is your opinion on the 18 weeks? Do you think it should be less, i.e., that you should not be able to have an abortion that late, or do you think it should be more, or do you think it is fine the way it is?
- The foetus heart will start beating after about five weeks of pregnancy. Does that change your response to the above question?
- Do you think how the baby is conceived, whether it was consensual or not, should make a difference to whether the woman can have an abortion or not?
- In your opinion, when does life start? Is it when the heart starts beating, when all the organs are working as they should or when the baby could survive outside of the uterus?
- How much do you know about the overturning of Roe versus Wade? What do you think the consequences of the Supreme Court ruling will be? You can read more about it using the following link: <https://www.american.edu/cas/news/roe-v-wade-overturned-what-it-means-whats-next.cfm>

Teachers' note

Working with the photos on page 1:

Pick one of the photos on page 1 to work with. Practice your speaking skills by creating a profile for the person in the picture. Include:

- Their name and age
- Family
- Education
- Occupation
- Favorite pasttime
- Social issue, or other important issue, that this person is passionate about and willing to fight for.
- What you have in common with this person and what makes you different.
- Practice presenting the person in the picture to one of your classmates. Listen to his/her presentation in return. Give each other two stars and a wish! (Meaning you give two positive comments and one comment about improvement).
- Present your person in front of your class - preferably without using any notes!

KEY

1. The legal smoking age will be steadily increased so that every person aged 14 or under will be prevented to reach the legal smoking age.
2. The goal by 2025 is to have less than 5% of the population smoking.
3. The three interventions are to make it illegal to sell tobacco to those born in 2009 or later, to reduce nicotine content in tobacco below addictive levels and to limit the number of outlets selling tobacco.
4. Young people are on board and support the vision of a smoke free generation.
5. The government's plan only concerns tobacco and not vaping, which has become very popular among young people.
6. The five women are suing because they nearly lost their lives due to the state's stringent abortion law.
7. Amanda Zurawski was told by her doctor that her foetus wouldn't survive. He was unable to intervene as long as the baby's heart was beating and had to wait for Amanda to become sick enough that the ethics board would consider her life at risk before he could give her an abortion.
8. Texas is the first state in the US to enforce a near-total abortion ban.
9. Over 200 countries have signed the treaty so far.
10. Only one per cent of the world's oceans are protected today. The treaty aims to increase the percentage to 30 by the year 2030.
11. The treaty aims to prevent overfishing, pollution and damage to underwater habitats.
12. a. TRUE b. TRUE c. FALSE d. TRUE
13. The Tanzanian government is planning to allocate 160,000 acres to 40,000 young people in order to increase the country's agriculture and boost youth employment at the same time.
14. The African Development Bank Group wants to improve the African continent's food security to make it less dependent on foreign imports.
15. Applicants must be Tanzanian citizens between the ages of 18-40 with keen interest in agribusiness and actively participating in agricultural activities.
16. She hopes it will create jobs for youths like her and that it will lead to increased food security and a more sustainable future for Tanzania.
17. a. step
18. c. handle
19. b. dealing
20. b. top
21. a. tap