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Arbetsblad

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Eóin Tennyson. Photo credit: The Alliance Party



James Wakibia. Photo credit: Michael Kaloki

Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
mark something	to celebrate or officially remember an event that you consider to be important	signalize
treaty	a formal agreement between two or more countries	
partition	the division of one country into two or more countries	division
county	one of a number of areas that some countries are divided into, each with its own local government	
predominantly	mostly; mainly	primarily, chiefly, largely
strand	one of the different parts of an idea, a plan, a story or, in this case, an agreement.	
executive	the part of a government responsible for putting laws into effect	
utterly	to a full extent or degree	completely, totally, wholly, thoroughly
aspire	to have a strong desire to achieve or to become something	aim, plan
platypus	an Australian animal that is covered in fur and has a beak like a duck, webbed feet (= with skin between the toes) and a flat tail	
mammal	any animal that gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds its young on milk. Cows, humans and whales are all mammals. Two exceptions are the platypus and the echidna, which lay eggs but feed their young milk.	
venomous	producing venom	envenomed, poisonous
spur	here: a sharp, hollow thorn-like nail that is made of keratin, the same protein that forms hair, feathers, horns and hoofs	
hail from	to be or have been native to or a resident of	
rural	connected with or like the countryside	
indigenous	(of people and their culture) coming from a particular place and having lived there for a long time before other people came there; relating to, belonging to or developed by these people	native
spearhead something	to begin an activity or lead an attack against somebody/something	
environmentalist	a person who is interested in the natural environment and wants to improve and protect it	
swamped	to make somebody/something have more of something than they can deal with	inundate
strew	to cover a surface with things	scatter
garbage skip	a large trash receptacle	dumpster, container, waste skip
ensure	to make sure that something happens or is definite	assure, guarantee

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

Content questions

Northern Ireland: celebrates an anniversary

15. What is the Good Friday Agreement?
16. What happened in 1921 that sparked the conflict known as the Troubles?
17. How did the nationalists and the unionists differ?
18. How long did it take for the parties in Northern Ireland to negotiate an agreement?
19. Who is Eóin Tennyson and what makes him so special?

Pakistan: young people seek better opportunities

20. How many of the young people in the population want to leave Pakistan?
21. What two things are given as possible reasons for the young people wanting to leave?

Australia: man steals platypus

22. What is a platypus? Can you describe what it looks like? If not, try googling it to see what it looks like.
23. The police gave two reasons why taking a platypus from the wild was a bad idea. What were they?

Music

24. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The song is called *Blood Runs Down River*. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. It was written by Evan Redsky. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The song is about an indigenous man that was killed in 2016. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. The music is a mix of blues and jazz. TRUE/FALSE

Kenya:

11. How much of its waste does the African continent hope to recycle by the year 2050 and how much is recycled at the moment?
12. What is James Wakibia's slogan?
13. What does James do when he and the reporter Michael come across a garbage skip that is overflowing?
14. Why does James take it upon himself to organize clean-up campaigns?

Language points

Find the compound! A compound word is a word made up of two or more words that combine to form a new meaning. There are three different types of compound words: 1. open, such as *ice cream*, 2. closed, such as *firefighter* or 3. hyphenated, such as *mother-in-law*. Can you spot the compound words in the sentences below? Are they open, closed or hyphenated? If you would like to know more about compound words, follow the link below.

<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/open-and-closed-compound-words/>

15. That was the song "Blood Runs Like a River (Colton Boushie)" by songwriter Evan Redsky.
16. It highlights the story of Colten Boushie, a 22-year-old Cree man who was shot and killed.
17. James Wakibia has been spearheading efforts to reach the targets in his country, ever since he started a social media campaign #banplasticsKE.
18. And it was then that I started campaigning or calling for better management of that landfill.
19. A head of us I see what is known as a garbage skip, right?
20. It is a responsibility for everyone, the government, the citizens, the private sector, everybody living on this planet has a responsibility.

Discussion points

Normal recycling versus hardcore recycling?

James Wakibia, the Kenyan environmentalist, spends his time forcing county officials to act by taking photos of overflowing garbage skips. According to him, it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that the environment is well protected.

- How far would you be willing to go in order to protect the environment? Would you be willing to organize clean-ups, take pictures of overflowing garbage skips or pick up trash on your way to or from school?
- Would you be willing to sacrifice some of your daily luxury and comfort if you knew it would benefit the environment? How about vacations and travelling? Where would you draw the line? What could you not do without?
- Do you know your carbon footprint? A carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases generated by our daily actions accumulated over a year. The average American has a footprint of about 16 tons per year. In order to reach our goal and stop global warming by more than 2 degrees Celsius, our average global carbon footprint needs to be under 2 tons per person per year (<https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/carbon-footprint-calculator/>). Try the carbon footprint calculator by following the link below. What is your carbon footprint? What suggestions do you get for lowering your carbon footprint? How do you feel about those suggestions? Are they doable?
<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

Animal encounters

Encounters with animals can be quite frightening and sometimes you don't realize how scary the situation was until you're in the clear. In today's show a man was charged with stealing a platypus from the wild, presumably not knowing that the males are venomous, which he then paraded around the city of Brisbane. For many people, encounters with dangerous animals are only had in zoos.

- Have you had any scary encounters with animals, perhaps realizing afterwards that you should have been even more afraid than you were?
- What's the most exotic animal that you have held, patted, touched or fed?
- In Australia the rule of thumb is: if it has a lot of colors, it is not afraid to be seen and as such you should stay clear. What is the most colorful animal you have ever seen? How dangerous is that animal?
- How do you feel about zoos? Zoos generally help with the preservation of species that are in danger of becoming extinct and often depend on visitors' contributions to help fund the preservation work they do. However, visitors need to be protected, which means animals have to live in cages, even ones that are not in danger of becoming extinct. What is your opinion? Should we have zoos? What would we lose if we closed them? What would we gain by keeping them

open? Do you see any other possible solutions to keep funding the preservation of endangered animals?

- What animal encounter do you have on your bucket list? What animal would you like to encounter the most and why?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photos on page 1:

Imagine the interviews that are taking place with the two men in the photos.

- Write questions that you think match their facial expressions.
- Think of possible answers to those questions.
- Turn your questions and answers into a role playing interview.
- Practice your parts, then perform your role play in front of your class trying to mimick the poses and facial expressions of the men in the photos.

KEY

1. It's an agreement that brought an end to a thirty year-old conflict in Northern Ireland known as the Troubles.
2. In 1921 the island of Ireland was divided into two states. 26 counties in the south left the UK and became their own independent state, while six counties in the north remained under British rule and became Northern Ireland.
3. The nationalists wanted to rejoin the rest of Ireland, while the unionists wanted to remain part of the UK.
4. It took two years of negotiations.
5. Eóin Tennyson is a representative of the Alliance Party, who was elected at the very young age of 23. He is also the first elected representative to have been born after the Good Friday Agreement was signed.
6. As many as 67% of the country's young people want to leave Pakistan.
7. The unemployment rate which is 31% and that young people hope to gain more respect in other countries.
8. A platypus is a semi aquatic mammal that lives in the eastern part of Australia. It is one of only five mammals in the world that lays eggs. It has a bill like a duck, a tail like a beaver and webbed feet like an otter. They have spurs on the back ankles, which are venomous on the males.
9. The first reason is that it is illegal to take a platypus from the wild and, the second reason, is that it can be dangerous because of the venomous spurs on males. The males tend to be bigger, other than that male and female look the same.
10. a. FALSE
b. TRUE
c. TRUE
d. FALSE
11. The aim is for Africa to recycle 50% of its waste. At the moment only 10 % is recycled.
12. His slogan is 'Less Plastic is Fantastic'.
13. He takes pictures to send to the county environmental officials so that they can do something about it. If they don't, he might share his pictures on Facebook.
14. Because he thinks everyone is responsible for taking care of our planet.
15. *Songwriter*, a closed compound word.
16. *Highlights*, a closed compound word and *22-year-old*, a hyphenated compound word.
17. *Spearheading*, a closed compound word and *social media*, an open compound word.
18. *Landfill*, a closed compound word.
19. *Garbage skip*, an open compound word.
20. *Everyone*, a closed compound word and *everybody*, also a closed compound word.