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Arbetsblad

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Indian protesters. Photo credit: Kiran Jonnalagadda



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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
Sexist	treating other people, especially women, unfairly because of their sex or making offensive remarks about them	
Archaic	old and no longer used	outdated
Vamp	a woman who is thought to be sexually attractive and trying to control men, an offensive term	
Spinster	a word for a woman who is not married and is no longer young that is now considered offensive	
Harlot	a woman who works as a prostitute, or who is thought to look or behave like one, an offensive term	
Perpetuate	to make perpetual or cause to last indefinitely	immortalize, eternalize
Manifesto	a written statement in which a group of people explain their beliefs and aims	
Pleading	a formal statement of somebody's case in court	
Ascribe	to say or think that (something) is caused by, comes from, or is associated with a particular person or thing	attribute, link
Implement	to make something that has been officially decided start to happen or be used	carry out
Equitable	fair and reasonable; treating everyone in an equal way	fair
Constitutional rights	what you are allowed or limited to do by the system of laws and basic principles that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by	
Elation	a feeling of great happiness and excitement	euphoria, exhilaration
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	
Tweezers	a small tool with two long, thin parts joined together at one end, used for picking up very small things or for pulling out hairs	
Curriculum	the subjects that are included in a course of study or taught in a school, college, etc.	
Phobia	a strong unreasonable fear of something	
Non-profit	an organization without the aim of making a profit	
Syllabus	a list of the topics, books, etc. that students should study in a particular subject at school or college	

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

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Content questions

India: goes by the book

1. The supreme court has published a book urging people in a certain profession to avoid sexist language. Which people and what profession are they referring to?
2. What is the title of the book?
3. Give examples of some of the words the book urges to be used instead of the sexist terms. Why do they think these terms are better than the old ones do you think?
4. What does 17-year-old law student Riddhi Joshi propose should happen to judges and lawyers who use the discriminatory words?

The US: young activists win landmark case

5. The plaintiffs argued that some of the state's policies violated their constitutional rights. Which policies?
6. The states of Montana, Pennsylvania and New York grants this right to its citizens. Which right?
7. Why is this considered a landmark case?

Australia: first woman with live larva in brain

8. How big was the live worm extracted from the woman's head?
9. What were the four symptoms that prompted the woman to seek hospital care?

Music clip:

10. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The song is called Jovial. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. It is an example of the genre called Socca. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The artist's name is Kes. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. Kes is from Trinidad. TRUE/FALSE

Tanzania: announces educational reforms

11. Following the new reform, how many years will children spend in primary school?
12. The goal of the reform is to make education more suitable to the 21st century. One way is to introduce more practical skills through these three subjects. Which subjects?
13. The new curriculum will enhance students' language skills. How?
14. According to Dr. Wilberforce Meena what is needed for the new curriculum to be implemented?

Language points

Complete the following idiomatic expressions.

15. The scales of justice are sometimes ... against the very people they're meant to protect
 - a. tipped
 - b. topped
 - c. tapped

16. The Supreme Court of India is ... waves
 - a. creating
 - b. making
 - c. doing

17. This is a great first ..., but is it really going to ... a difference?
 - a. skip/do
 - b. jump/be
 - c. step/make

18. Is it just a ... on a much more complex issue?
 - a. band aid
 - b. bandage
 - c. plaster

19. Education policy experts have ... the decision.
 - a. contained
 - b. clasped
 - c. embraced

20. The curriculum change will ... in a new era.
 - a. bring
 - b. usher
 - c. push

Discussion points

The right to a clean and healthy environment.

In today's program we learned about a group of young activists winning a landmark case against the state of Montana in the US. The group argued that their right to a clean and healthy environment was violated by some of the state's policies in favor of using fossil fuels.

- What are your rights when it comes to a clean environment in Sweden? Do you know?
- Do you have any obligations to contribute to a clean environment? In Sweden? In your school? In your home?
- Is there anything we can do as individual citizens to improve the air we breathe and the environment we live in for everyone?
- Do you have any suggestions of what can be done by our government on a national, or even international, level to promote clean air and a healthy environment? Do you know of any actions the Swedish government has taken recently to protect our environment and meet the climate goals? If you are unsure, you can read more about the Swedish environmental objectives here:
<https://www.naturvardsverket.se/en/om-miljoarbetet/swedish-environmental-objectives/>

Educational reform

In Tanzania the schools, teachers and students are preparing for a new curriculum. The new curriculum, which is designed to align better with the 21st century and global education standards, focuses on practical skills and language skills. Practical skills are introduced through subjects such as music, fine arts and home management. Language skills such as French, Chinese and Arabic are introduced while subjects such as mathematics, social science, arts and sports will be taught in English.

- What practical skills are taught in Swedish schools today? Do you get enough hours in these subjects or should they be taught more or less?
- Which practical skills are not taught in schools today that should be taught in your opinion?
- In 1991 a research study in Malmö, which included 4000 students in years 1 to 9, introduced physical education (PE) everyday for 40 minutes. The results of the study showed that boys received a higher grade average than boys who were not included in the study by 13 points, while grades for girls remained the same. 97 per cent of the students said they enjoyed the extra physical education. How would you feel about having PE everyday in school? (You can read more about the study here: <https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/article/boys-more-physical-education-school-had-better-grades>)
- In Sweden, the subject of English is introduced between the years of 1 and 4 depending on the municipality. Another foreign language, usually French, German or Spanish, is introduced in year 6. Do we have enough focus on language skills in Swedish schools in your opinion? Should we introduce more languages or do you think English is enough?
- In Tanzania, some of the subjects are now to be instructed in English, such as social science and mathematics. How would you feel about having more of your subjects instructed in English? If you like the idea of being taught other subjects in English, how many subjects would you like to be taught in English?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

Work in small groups of three to four students. Choose a topic of injustice that you are passionate about. It could be sexual discrimination, as in today's program, or it could be animal testing, climate change, gun control or any other topic that interests you. Search the web for protest signs and pick the three signs you think have the best message concerning your topic. Present your top three signs to the rest of the class by:

- describing each sign in detail (words, color, images);
- explaining what it is you like about the signs;
- talking about how you think people feel when they see the signs, both people who are against the message and those who are in favor of it;
- discussing what impact you think protests using such signs can have.

KEY

1. The book urges judges to avoid sexist language towards women.
2. The book is entitled *Handbook on Combating Gender Stereotypes*.
3. Some of the terms suggested are *sex worker*, *sexually harassed* or *assaulted*, *child who has been trafficked*. The new terms indicate that these are victims of circumstance and should not be blamed for the crimes against them.
4. He thinks they should be fined.
5. The pro-fossil-fuel policies.
6. The right to a clean and healthy environment.
7. The case is considered landmark as it questions the right to a clean environment and clean air in all the US states and the world as a whole. By winning the case they have set a legal precedent for other court cases to fall back on.
8. The worm was 8 centimetres long.
9. The four symptoms were stomach pains, night sweats, memory loss and depression.
10.
 - a. FALSE
 - b. TRUE
 - c. TRUE
 - d. TRUE
11. Primary school will be six years instead of seven.
12. Fine arts, home management and music.
13. The subjects of arts, mathematics, social science and sports will all be instructed in English, while the subjects of French, Chinese and Arabic will also be introduced.
14. There has to be teachers and resources in place to prepare for the implementation of the new curriculum.
15. a. tipped
16. b. making
17. c. step/make
18. a. band aid
19. c. embraced
20. b. usher