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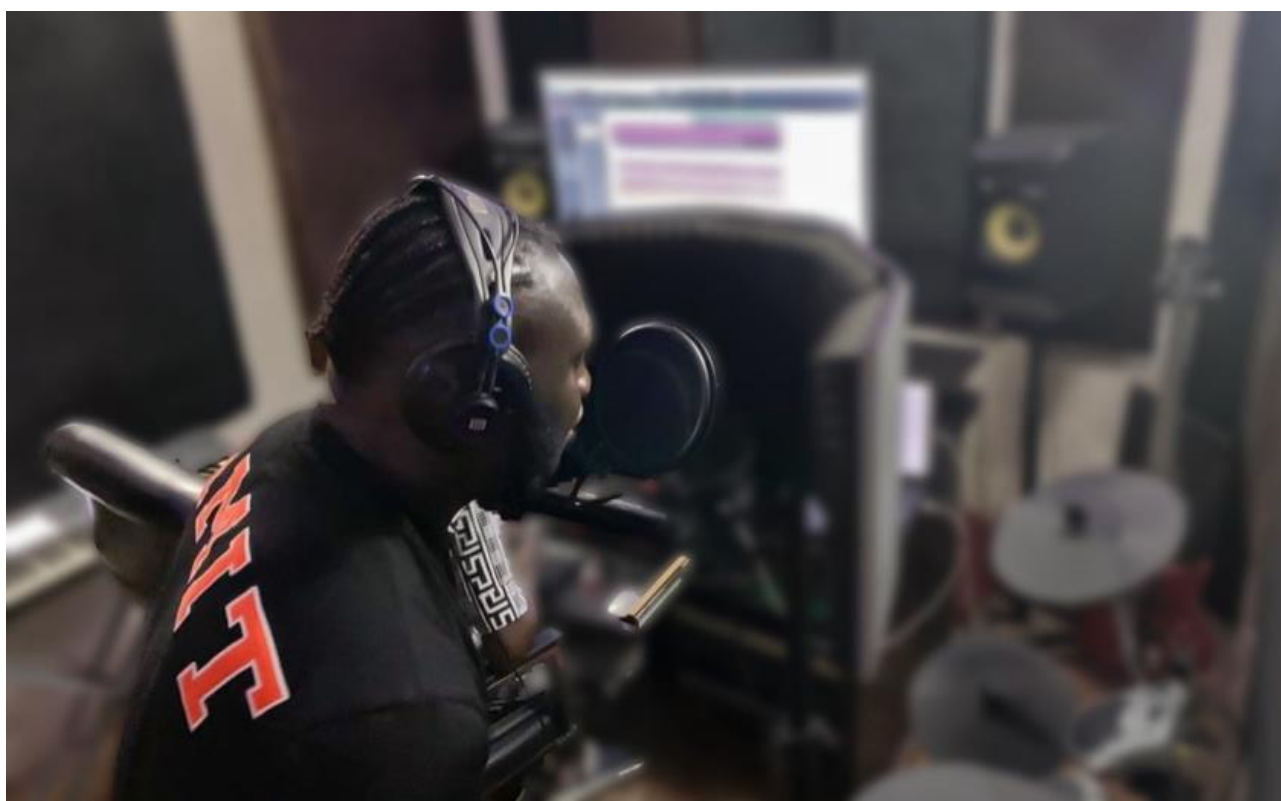


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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
constitution	the system of laws and basic principles that a state, a country or an organization is governed by	
overwhelming	very great or very strong; so powerful that you cannot resist it or decide how to react	overpowering
ballot	the system of voting in writing and usually in secret; an occasion on which a vote is held	
referendum	an occasion when all the people of a country can vote on an important issue	
reeling	to feel very shocked or upset about something	whirling
treaty	a formal agreement between two or more countries	
coalition	a government formed by two or more political parties working together	
divisive	causing people to be split into groups that disagree with or oppose each other	
colonisation	the act of taking control of an area or a country that is not your own, especially using force, and sending people from your own country to live there	
advocate	a person who supports or speaks in favour of somebody or of a public plan or action	
concession	something that you allow or do, or allow somebody to have, in order to end an argument or to make a situation less difficult	
legitimise	to make something that is wrong or unfair seem acceptable	validate
penal colony	a place where prisoners are sent to live	
prominence	the state of being important, well known or easy to notice	
abbreviation	a short form of a word	
ubiquitous	seeming to be everywhere or in several places at the same time; very common	commonplace, household
nepotism	giving unfair advantages to your own family if you are in a position of power, especially by giving them jobs	bias, favoritism
in the wake of (idiom)	coming after or following somebody/something	
compound	a substance formed by a chemical reaction of two or more elements in fixed amounts relative to each other	
revenue	the total income produced by a given source	
infuse	to have an effect on all parts of something	
resonate	to remind somebody of something; to be similar to what somebody thinks or believes	
commercialization	the act of using something to try to make a profit	
transcend	to be or go beyond the usual limits of something	exceed

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

Content questions

Australia: Aussies say no

1. What was the vote about?
2. What would have changed if the majority of Australians had voted 'yes'?
3. Why can it be considered controversial that Australians voted 'no'?
4. According to Larissa, why did the referendum fail after both sides had agreed to it?
5. Who is Ben Abbatangelo and what is his opinion on the matter?
6. Why did Tanya Hosch consider this a wake-up call?

Scotland: Collins English Dictionary

7. Which is the 'word of the year' for 2023?
8. Why was this particular word chosen?
9. Which other words were contenders for 'word of the year' and what do they mean?

India: billionaire provokes outrage

10. Who is Narayana Murthy and why are people angry with him?
11. What is the main argument against what Narayana Murthy is saying?
12. How has the pandemic affected the work situation in some countries?

The USA: a fourteen-year-old scientist invents a game changer

13. What was developed and how does it work?
14. Who is the scientist, where is he from, and where did he get the idea for this invention?

Nigeria: music makes Nigeria go round

15. How much money does the Nigerian music industry generate per year?
16. What is said to be the reason for the growing popularity of Nigerian music?
17. How did Afrobeat artists use their music in the 1960s and 1970s?

Language points

How well do you know your word classes? There are four major word classes in English: verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Other word classes include prepositions, pronouns, determiners, conjunctions and interjections. Focusing on the words that are descriptive in nature, the adjectives, circle the adjective (s) you find in the sentences below. You'll get bonus points if you know what kind of adjective it is. Once you have found the adjectives in all the sentences, write your own definition of what an adjective is below.

Example: The campaign became very political and divisive.
Descriptive/qualitative adjectives: political, divisive

18. Ben is a young First Nations writer and advocate.

19. Every year the publisher chooses a word.

20. Some countries are considering a four-day workweek.

21. Afropop is offering them a unique identity.

An adjective is:

Discussion points

Indigenous people around the world

In today's program we heard about the Indigenous Australians and First Nations people. Even though they were there first, they are still fighting for the right to have their voices heard in their own country.

- Who do you think should decide on matters concerning the Indigenous people? Do you agree with Ben Abbatangelo who said that the Indigenous should not just advise decision makers but make the decisions themselves? Give reasons for your way of thinking.
- One Indigenous leader claimed that colonisation had been good for First Nations rendering the Voice unnecessary. What do you think his reasons are for saying this? What counterarguments do you think he might get?
- Get together in small groups of three to four students. Research other Indigenous groups of people in other places around the world. Make sure to include the Indigenous people of Sweden, the Sámi. What differences and similarities can you find regarding the rights of the Indigenous population and the relationship they have with the locals? Once your research is complete, split up your group and share your findings with two to three new group members. Finish by summarizing your discussions with the whole class.

Music and culture

Afropop music with its origins in West Africa is spreading quickly all over the world. In the program today we heard how closely connected Afropop is to the Nigerian culture, making it truly unique.

- What would you say is typically Swedish music? Do we have a music genre that is similarly connected to our culture and way of life in your opinion? If yes, could you give an example of this music? If no, do you think it would be nice to have such a music genre in Sweden? What kind of music do you think people associate with Sweden? What kind of music are we famous for?
- Take a look at your favorite playlist on Spotify or Apple Music. Where does your favorite music come from? Which countries? Compare your playlist with two of your classmates. What differences and similarities can you find regarding the origin of the music? What factors do you think contribute to our choice of music?
- Afropop seems to be particularly popular with young people. How does the music you listen to compare to the music your parents listened to when they were young? Is there a difference in style or genre?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

Imagine you are in the Double Billz Studio in Abuja, Nigeria.

- What is the atmosphere?
- What is he singing about?
- What does Afropop sound like?
- What kind of directions do you think he is given by the producer?
- Work in pairs. Try to capture the answers to the above questions by creating speech bubbles to go with the photo.

KEY

1. The vote was about whether the constitution should be changed to recognise the rights of Indigenous Australians.
2. It would have led to the creation of a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. This body would have had a say on policy affecting Indigenous Australians.
3. There is a long history of maltreatment of the Indigenous Australians in Australia and many would argue that the Indigenous Australians were there first and should therefore have a say in all political matters.
4. Once the referendum was announced, the opposition decided they were going to vote against it. Before it was voted on, the question of whether to give the Indigenous Australians their voice became very political and misinformation, mainly from white Australians, was spread arguing against the voice.
5. Ben is a First Nation writer and advocate. He was against the voice and sees the outcome as positive. The reason is that he feels the Indigenous Australians should be involved in making the decisions and not just advice decision makers.
6. She considered it a wake-up call because she wasn't prepared for the degree of resistance this referendum would have in this day and age.
7. The 'word of the year' is AI (Artificial Intelligence).
8. The company's managing director, Alex Beecroft, said that the growth of Artificial Intelligence has meant that its abbreviation, AI, has become "ubiquitous and embedded in our lives".
9. Other words included 'Greedflation', referring to when companies use high inflation as an excuse to raise prices, and 'Nepo baby', meaning a person whose success could be said to be linked to having famous family members.
10. Narayana Murthy is an Indian software billionaire who proposes that young people should work 70 hour weeks in order to improve the country's productivity.
11. People are saying that he isn't taking work-life balance into account.
12. In contrast to Narayana Murthy, in other parts of the world people are re-evaluating what is important in life after the pandemic, with some countries considering a four day working week.
13. A soap treating skin cancer has been developed. It is made from compounds which reactivate a type of cell that guards the human skin.
14. The scientists name is Heman Bekele. He is from Ethiopia, which is also where he got the idea for his invention, as he watched people work in the sun all day.
15. The music industry is estimated to generate over 2 billion dollars.
16. The reason is said to be the genre Afropop, which was pioneered by Nigerian artists.
17. The artists used their music to raise awareness about political and social issues.
18. Descriptive/qualitative adjectives: *young, First Nations, writer, advocate.*
19. Distributive adjective: *every.*
20. Limiting adjective: *some.* Compound adjective: *four-day.*
21. Attributive adjective: *unique.*

An adjective is a word that describes features, qualities and quantities of a noun i.e., adjectives modify nouns and can also act comparatively. You can read more about adjectives here: <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/adjective/>