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Arbetsblad

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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
valid	based on what is logical or true	reasonable, rational
merit	a good feature that deserves praise or reward	strenght
industrious	working hard; busy	hard-working
staggering	so great, shocking or surprising that it is difficult to believe	astounding
expectation	a belief that something will happen because it is likely	anticipation
grapple	to try hard to find a solution to a problem	struggle
disposable vapes	to take vapour from an e-cigarette or similar device meant to be thrown away after use	
stem	to stop something that is flowing from spreading or increasing	stop, delay, suppress
legislation	a law or a set of laws passed by a parliament	
manufacture	manufacture something to make goods in large quantities, using machines	mass-produce
ode	something that shows respect for or celebrates the worth or influence of another	homage
nurture	nurture something to help somebody/something to develop and be successful	foster
proceeds	the money that you receive when you sell something	revenue, profit, income
thrive	to become, and continue to be, successful, strong, healthy, etc.	flourish
caucasian	a member of any of the groups of people who have pale skin	
awareness	knowing something; knowing that something exists and is important	knowledge
kiosk	a small shop, open at the front, where newspapers, drinks, etc. are sold. In some countries kiosks also sell food and things used in the home.	stand
dynamic	the way in which people or things behave and react to each other in a particular situation	
appealing	attractive or interesting	fascinating
pan out	to develop in a particular way	fall out, work out

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

Content questions

Nigeria: young people on the move

1. Why are young people in Nigeria choosing to leave the country?
2. What are they calling this wave of emigration and what does that mean?
3. According to the World Bank, how many people emigrated from Nigeria in the year 2021?
4. What reasons does Queen give for leaving Nigeria?
5. In what ways has emigration to the UK made Barbara's life easier?
6. Explain the phenomena known as 'brain drain'. How is this applicable here?

Australia: government bans import of product

7. What specific type of product is the government targeting and why?
8. How many teenagers between the ages of 14 to 17 have vaped according to the study from the University of Sydney?
9. The ban will be accompanied by legislation. What is this legislation designed to do?
10. What has the government of New Zealand decided not to do?

Antarctica: iceberg on the loose

11. How big is the iceberg that has broken off?
12. This iceberg has broken off before. When was that and what happened then?

Music clip

13. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The artist is based in Pakistan. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. His name is Bharg Kale and he is a singer-songwriter. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The name of the song is Nikamma, meaning 'useful'. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. It is meant to support those who have been called 'useless' at some point. TRUE/FALSE

Kenya: from rags to riches

14. How old is Chester and where is he based?
15. How has the Uweza Foundation helped Chester?
16. Who inspired Chester to become an artist?
17. What is the mission behind Chester's art?

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. Today we will focus on conjunctions, which are words that allow us to have longer sentences by linking different parts together. Circle the conjunction (s) you find in the sentences below. Once you have found the conjunctions in all the sentences, write your own definition of what a conjunction is underneath.

Example: Nigeria has one of the largest populations, but many are choosing to leave.
Conjunction: but

18. Today I'm here at the airport, where young Nigerians are boarding flights.
19. There's a lot of opportunities here, whereas in Nigeria that was just a dream.
20. The ban will be accompanied by legislation that restricts the manufacture.
21. It's now started moving again and has become the world's largest iceberg.

A conjunction is:

Discussion points

Roots and wings

In today's program we heard about the 'Japa movement' in Nigeria and the 'brain drain' that inevitably follows. There are many reasons for choosing to leave your native country behind, but among Nigeria's youth the prospect of better opportunities in terms of education and work seems to be the driving force.

- What do you think is the solution to stopping the 'brain drain' of a country or region? How can we get the most productive people to want to stay?
- Would you consider leaving Sweden behind to either study or work? If yes, where would you go and what would you study or work with? Do you think you would come back? If no, what would be your reasons for staying? What would be the advantages and disadvantages with either leaving or staying?
- Do you know of anyone who has left Sweden, or a different native country, to either study or work in a new country? If so, which country did they move to and do you know how it all panned out? Did they return to their native country eventually?

Nicotine addiction among young people

After years of declining, nicotine addiction is rising among the younger generations. There are a lot of negative health effects that come with this type of addiction, which inevitably puts pressure on countries to try and prevent these health issues from happening. In 2021, New Zealand came up with a plan to keep raising the minimum age to buy cigarettes year after year so that the next generation would be prevented to smoke. This plan has now been abandoned. One reason stated is the fear of increased activity on the black market and another is the reduced tax revenue that the ban would entail. Health experts are saying that abandoning this plan will cost thousands of lives (you can read more about it here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/27/new-zealand-scraps-world-first-smoking-generation-ban-to-fund-tax-cuts>)

- What do you think about New Zealand abandoning its plan to rid the next generation of nicotine addiction? Make a list of the pros and cons. Include the aspects of the black market, the loss in tax revenue, health issues, death toll and any other reasons you might think of. Discuss your list with a neighbour and then with the whole class.
- Australia intends to ban all import of disposable vapes from January next year. What do you think about this in terms of a solution to stem nicotine addiction among the younger generations? Do you think it will work? If so, why will it work? If not, why not?
- What other solutions can you think of that would have an effect on young people choosing not to smoke or vape? What would convince you not to start?



Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

In the photo, Chester looks really happy, maybe even laughing.

- Choose a partner for a small writing assignment.
- Start by describing Chester and his surroundings.
- Describe the person behind the camera, who Chester is facing.
- Create a dialogue between Chester and the person holding the camera.
- What has been said to make him smile?
- What was his response?
- Once you have finished your dialogue, choose another pair of students in your class and take turns reading your dialogues to each other.

KEY

1. They are leaving in order to get a better education and employment abroad.
2. They are calling it the 'Japa Movement'. 'Japa' is a Yoruban word meaning 'to run away' or 'escape'.
3. 76 000 people emigrated in 2021.
4. Queen's main reasons for leaving is that living expenses in Nigeria are very high and work is based on your connections and not on merits.
5. Barbara says she is now able to go to school, able to work, able to pay her rent and able to feed herself, which was not possible in Nigeria.
6. 'Brain drain' is about highly skilled people leaving their country and boosting the economy of their new home countries, while at the same time lowering the productivity of the countries they have left behind. This is highly applicable in the situation with Nigerias 'Japa Movement' as it is the young and productive parts of the population that are choosing to leave, taking their skills with them.
7. The Australian government is banning the import of disposable vapes to try and stop the levels of nicotine addiction among young people from rising.
8. A quarter of all teenagers between 14 and 17 have vaped.
9. The legislation is designed to restrict the manufacture and advertising of vapes and e-cigarettes.
10. The government of New Zealand previously said that it was going to ban smoking for the next generation. They have now announced that this plan will be abandoned.
11. The iceberg is four times the size of New York and is now floating in the Southern Sea near Antarctica.
12. It broke off first in 1986 but was grounded on the ocean floor soon after.
13.
 - a. FALSE
 - b. TRUE
 - c. FALSE
 - d. TRUE
14. Chester is 25 years old and is based in Kibera, a deprived area of Nairobi, Kenya.
15. The Uweza Foundation has helped Chester to sell his art and to use the proceeds for his school fees.
16. Chester was inspired by his brother, whom he used to watch draw.
17. The mission behind Chester's art is to create awareness about African culture.
18. Conjunction: where
19. Conjunction: whereas
20. Conjunction: that
21. Conjunction: and

Conjunctions are the glue that holds phrases and clauses together. You can read more about them here:
<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/conjunctions/>