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Arbetsblad

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A radiostation in rural India. Photo credit: Ayushi Shah.

Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
estimates	to form an idea of the cost, size, value etc. of something, but without calculating it exactly	
census	the process of officially counting something, especially a country’s population, and recording various facts	
sustainable	that can continue or be continued for a long time	
conducive	making it easy, possible or likely for something to happen	favorable, beneficial
entrepreneurship	the activity of making money by starting or running businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks; the ability to do this	
expansion	an act of increasing or making something increase in size, amount or importance	augmentation
cater for	to provide the things that a particular person or situation needs or wants	
comprehensive	including all, or almost all, the items, details, facts, information, etc., that may be involved	complete, full
bleach	to become white or pale by a chemical process or by the effect of light from the sun; to make something white or pale in this way	
biodiversity	the existence of a large number of different kinds of animals and plants which make a balanced environment	
expel	to force air or water out of a part of the body or from a container	eject
algae	very simple plants, such as seaweed, that have no real leaves, stems or roots, and that grow in or near water	
postpone	to arrange for an event, etc. to take place at a later time or date than originally planned	put off
infiltrate	to enter or make somebody enter a place or an organization secretly, especially in order to get information that can be used against it	
revelation	a fact that people are made aware of, especially one that has been secret and is surprising	disclosure
compromise	to cause somebody/something/yourself to be in danger or to be suspected of something, especially by acting in a way that is not very sensible	
NGO	non-governmental organization (a charity, association, etc. that is independent of government and business)	
skit	a short piece of humorous writing or a performance that makes fun of somebody/something by copying them	sketch
prevention	the act of stopping something bad from happening	
toll-free number	(of a phone call to an organization or a service) that you do not have to pay for	
rigidly	in a very strict way that is difficult to change	strictly

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

Content questions

Tanzania: presents worrisome figures

1. How big is Tanzania's population expected to be in the year 2050?
2. What advice is The World Bank offering Tanzania to prevent overpopulation?
3. How big is Tanzania's population to date?
4. Which harmful beliefs may have contributed to the population growth?
5. Who is the government prioritizing to try and turn this overpopulation around?

Australia: The Great Barrier Reef

6. What is happening to the reef?
7. The event is causing the coral to change colour from purple, green and red into which colour?

The US and Canada: The North American Apex Legends esports final

8. Why was the final postponed?
9. How did this come to light?

Music clip

10. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The artist calls herself Ayra Starr. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. The song is called semicolon. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. Ayra is 21 years old. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. The song is referring to her increasing wealth. TRUE/FALSE

India: giving teenagers a voice

11. Name two sensitive topics brought up by the girls taking part.
12. How old are the kids that are participating?
13. What has Ayesha gained from the experience?
14. How many girls have participated in the radio broadcasts these past two years?

Language points

The typical word order in English is subject + verb + object. Below you'll find jumbled sentences from today's program. Arrange the words to follow the typical word order by placing the subject, the 'doer' of the verb first, the verb second and the object last. As in the example sentence below. You can read more about English word order [here](#).

the country's health and education services about concerned experts are

Answer: Experts are concerned about the country's health and education services.

15. suggesting is Tanzania overpopulation The World Bank prevent
16. the need for family planning and environmental conservation highlights she
17. undergoing is bleaching The Great Barrier Reef fifth mass its
18. on the coral have put stress the rising sea temperatures
19. that cheats had been inserted into their games announced two high-profile players
20. to broadcast is giving teenagers the opportunity a radio station in rural India

Discussion points

Family planning to solve (over- or under-) population?

Alarms are being raised about the growth of Tanzania's population, which is set to double every 23 years. Experts warn that the country's infrastructure won't be able to support the population and unemployment rates will continue to rise. In other parts of the world, such as in Spain, there is a risk of underpopulation, meaning there won't be enough people to sustain the country's economy in the future unless more babies are born.

- Do you agree with the Tanzanian government's initiative to prioritize the youth and people in rural areas in order to educate them on family planning?
- Is there any other way for the Tanzanian government to address the situation?
- How much should the government be involved in family planning according to you?
- What is the most effective strategy to combat the risk of overpopulation do you think?
- If we turn the tables and think about Spain instead, how would you encourage more couples to want to have babies? And also, to have more than one baby and to not wait until their late thirties?
- Hypothetically, how would you feel if you lived in either of these countries when the time came for you to start a family? Would you be willing to abstain from having kids or have fewer kids if your country asked you to? Would you be willing to have more children than you planned if you were asked to?

A radio show...

In India, a radio station is giving an unprecedented number of teenagers a chance to speak about things that matter to them deeply. The things they are talking about are highly controversial in the society in which they live, yet Ayushi Shah says the broadcast "not only reaches ears but touches hearts".

- If you had the opportunity to speak on a national radio station, what would you want to speak about? What topic do you feel would touch teenagers' hearts where you live? Is there anything you would not want to speak about? If so, why?
- What do you think the national radio stations would say to the suggestion of letting young people speak? Do you know of any Swedish radio station that allows teenagers to speak?
- Are there other forums that you think would attract more teenagers than radio? Like podcasts?
- Would you find anonymity important if you were to speak on the radio or on a podcast? Why do you think the girls broadcasting on the radiostation in India chose to be anonymous? What was at stake for them?

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

Imagine the photo is a scene in a movie.

- What is the atmosphere?
- What music would be playing if the movie was rolling?
- Who is the woman to the right in the photo? How old is she? What is her occupation? What is her role in the movie?
- What would be the title of the movie?
- What would you say is going to happen if we push the 'play' button?
- How will the movie end?

KEY

1. 140 million
2. To invest in family planning and provide more economic opportunities for women.
3. 61.7 million
4. Having many children is a sign of wealth and respect.
5. The youth and rural residents.
6. It is undergoing its fifth mass bleaching event.
7. White.
8. Hackers had infiltrated players' computers and inserted cheats.
9. Two high-profile players announced that cheats had been inserted in their games.
10.
 - a. TRUE
 - b. FALSE
 - c. TRUE
 - d. TRUE
11. Child marriage and abuse.
12. Between 13 and 18.
13. Stage courage.
14. 150 girls.