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Arbetsblad

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Photo credit: Michael Gunning.

Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
Islamophobia	dislike or unfair treatment of Islam or Muslims	
apparent	easy to see or understand	obvious
ideology	a set of beliefs, especially one held by a particular group, that influences the way people behave	
barrage	a large number of something, such as questions or comments, that are directed at somebody very quickly, one after the other, often in an aggressive way	flurry
propaganda	ideas or statements that may be false or present only one side of an argument that are used in order to gain support for a political leader, party, etc.	
secularism	the belief that religion should not be involved in the organization of society, education or in the constitution etc.	
biopic	a film about the life of a particular person	
coalition government	a temporary alliance between parties to govern a country which is made because no party has gained a clear majority	
acclaim	to praise or welcome somebody/something publicly	applaud
court somebody	<i>(old-fashioned)</i> to have a romantic relationship with somebody that you hope to marry	
convert	to change your religion or beliefs; to make somebody change their religion or beliefs	
surge	a sudden increase in the amount or number of something	
caricature	a description of a person or thing that makes them seem silly by exaggerating some of their characteristics, or only showing some of their characteristics	
backlash	a strong negative reaction by a large number of people, for example to something that has recently changed in society	
Kiwi	a person from New Zealand	
prone	lying flat with the front of your body touching the ground	
influential	having a lot of influence on somebody/something	
stigma	negative feelings that people have about particular circumstances or characteristics that somebody may have	
LGBTQ+	an abbreviation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (or questioning). The plus leaves space for any other definition of gender and sexual identity.	

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

Content questions

India: the world's biggest general election

1. How many people are expected to take part in the Indian election?
2. What are critics of Narendra Modi saying about his agenda?
3. How many Muslims does India have?
4. What is the ruling party, the BJP, trying to achieve through its propaganda films?
5. What is meant by "love jihad"?

Scotland: the government abandons its goal

6. What was the goal in the reduction of greenhouse gases?
7. Why has the government abandoned this goal?

New Zealand: lifeguard achieves a new first

8. What did the lifeguard achieve?
9. Why is this such a feat?
10. How long did it take the lifeguard, Brittany Spencer, to cross?

Music clip

11. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The artist is known as Diamond Platnumz. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. The song is called Mapa. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The music is an example of Bongo Flava. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. The music stems from 1990s Nigeria. TRUE/FALSE

The UK and Jamaica: swimmer becomes role model

13. How was Michael Gunning listed in Forbes?
14. How many hours a day would Michael swim when he was at school?
15. What was Michael's main event at the 2017 World Aquatics Championship in Budapest?
16. Why was it particularly difficult for Michael to come out as gay on the Jamaican national team?
17. Why is it so important to Michael to be a role model?

Language points

How well do you know your English pronunciation? Whenever you look up a word in a dictionary, the dictionary will provide you with information about the word, such as meaning, word class and pronunciation through phonetic transcription. Look at the phonetic transcription shown for each word and try to decide which pronunciation of the word is the correct one. You can read more about the IPA (the international phonetic alphabet) [here](#).

18. Election

- a. /ɪk'sepʃn/
- b. /ɪ'lekʃn/
- c. /,elɪ'veɪʃn/

19. Drama

- a. /'drɑ:mə/
- b. /dri:m/
- c. /drʌm/

20. Athlete

- a. /æθ'letɪk/
- b. /'eɪθiɪst/
- c. /'æθli:t/

21. Tough.

- a. /tʌf/
- b. /tɔ:t/
- c. /tʌg/

22. Medal

- a. /'mɪdl/
- b. /'medl/
- c. /'mʌdl/

Discussion points

Being the first...

In today's program we heard about Brittany Spencer, the first Kiwi to cross the Cook Strait using a prone paddle board. We also heard about Michael Gunning, the first openly gay athlete on the Jamaican national team. People like Brittany and Michael pave the way for others to follow in their footsteps. If it weren't for people who were brave enough to be the first at something the world might be a different place altogether.

- Here are some of the most famous 'firsts'. Do you know who they are and what they did? Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong, Rosa Parks, Marie Curie, Junko Tabei, Edward Jenner, Alexander Flemming, Margaret Thatcher.
- Can you list any other people who were the first to do what they did? If so, what did they do and what significance did it have? If no, try to google some of your interests to see who was first to think of, or do, what it is you like to do.
- Have you ever been the first at something? If yes, what was it and how did it turn out? If no, would you like to be, and if so, what would you like to be the first person to do?
- As we go through life we do thousands of things for the first time. Some of those are more memorable than others. What 'firsts' have been significant for you? For instance, do you remember the first time you saw a shooting star? Rode a bike on your own? Walked home from school on your own? The first time you were able to swim? Your first train ride? Share your most memorable 'firsts' with your neighbour and then share your top three with the class.

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

Imagine the photo is a scene in a biopic.

- What is the atmosphere?
- What music would be playing if the movie was rolling?
- Who is the man in the photo? How old is he? What is his occupation? Is he a family man? What is his 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. A billion.
2. That he is fuelling Islamophobia in the country.
3. 230 million.
4. To move away from secularism and establish Hinduism as a dominant religion.
5. That Muslim men court Hindu women in order to force them to convert to Islam.
6. A reduction of 75% by 2030.
7. The country has failed to meet 8 of its last 12 annual goals.
8. Crossing the Cook Strait on a prone paddle board.
9. The Cook Strait is known as one of the most dangerous areas of sea in the world.Artemis-3
10. Four hours and eight minutes.
11. a. TRUE
b. FALSE
c. TRUE
d. FALSE
12. It was coined by The New York Times in 2002.
13. As one of Europe's most influential people in sports under 30.
14. Four hours a day, two hours in the morning before school and two hours after.
15. 200 butterfly
16. It is illegal for two men to have sex in Jamaica.
17. Because he missed having someone around who understood when he was younger.
18. b. /ɪ'leɪʃn/
19. a. /'drɑ:mə/
20. c. /'æθli:t/
21. a. /tʌf/
22. b. /'medl/