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Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
charcoal	a black substance made by burning wood slowly in an oven with little air. Charcoal is used as a fuel or for drawing.	
profoundly	in a way that has a very great effect on somebody/something	deeply
detrimental	harmful to someone or something	damaging
respiratory	connected with breathing	
pollutants	a substance that pollutes something, especially air and water	contaminants
carbon monoxide	a poisonous gas formed when carbon burns partly but not completely. It is produced when petrol is burned in car engines.	
form two student	a student in the second year of secondary school in Tanzania	
deforestation	the act of cutting down or burning the trees in an area	
prominently	in a way that is easily seen or noticed	
eradicate	to destroy or get rid of something completely, especially something bad	wipe out
hazardous	involving risk or danger, especially to somebody's health or safety	perilous
emission	the production or sending out of light, heat, gas, etc.	
tsar	one having great power or authority, the emperor of Russia in the past	
spiralling	to increase rapidly	
swashbuckling	(especially of films/movies) set in the past and full of action, adventure, fighting with swords, etc.	heroic, daredevil
parody	a piece of writing, music, acting, etc. that deliberately copies the style of somebody/something in order to be humorous	spoof
endurance	the ability to continue doing something painful or difficult for a long period of time without giving up	persistence
lactic	a substance that forms in milk that is no longer fresh and is also produced in the muscles during hard exercise	
matriculate	to officially become a student at a university	
fulcrum	the most important part of an activity or a situation	

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

Content questions

Tanzania: cleans up energy and health

- 1 What two items are to be banned by the year 2025?
- 2 According to the Ministry of Energy, how many deaths are caused by these two items annually?
- 3 Name one pollutant that is produced when these items are burned and explain why young people are more at risk.
- 4 If these items are so dangerous, why do people keep using them?
- 5 How does the use of these items effect the environment?

America: the different populations of New York

- 6 New York has hired someone to help with an animal population that is spiralling out of control. Which animal is it and how many of them are there?
- 7 Why do these animals need to be removed?
- 8 Name some of the traits listed in the job advertisement. What kind of person were they looking for?

Kenya: man dresses as woman

- 9 In what type of event did this happen?
- 10 What did Stanley Omondi wear to disguise himself as a woman?
- 11 What did Stanley say was the reason he tried to fool the organizers?

Music

- 12 Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
 - a. The band is called *Bloodywood*. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. They started off doing Bollywood covers. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. The music is a blend of metal and house. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. Their lyrics are sung in Hindi and English. TRUE/FALSE

Jamaica: celebrate CHAMPS

13. Explain what CHAMPS is.
14. What does Riceldo Hunter's training schedule look like on Saturdays?
15. How did Tavane Stewart do in the 100m finals?

16. A large percentage of the stars of the Jamaican track field have come through CHAMPS. However, according to Hubert Lawrence there is something else at stake for the athletes who won't become Olympic or world champions. What opportunity are these athletes presented with?

Language points

Do you know the plural of the following nouns? Choose the corresponding plural form of the underlined noun below. If you are unsure, you may check the following website to find out more:

<https://www.grammarly.com/blog/plural-nouns/>

- 17 Data produced by the Ministry of Energy last year showed an impact on people's health.
- datae
 - datas
 - data
- 18 Looking at my family, we don't have any other affordable options.
- familys
 - families
 - family
- 19 High gas prices have led to households using charcoal and firewood for cooking.
- gases
 - gass
 - gas
- 20 The use of charcoal and firewood have direct implications to the climate crisis.
- crises
 - crisis
 - creses
- 21 The city has a spiralling rodent population.
- populationes
 - populations
 - population
- 22 A Kenyan chess player has been caught cheating by disguising himself as a woman.
- woman
 - womans
 - women

Discussion points

The exterminator versus the animal friend

New York city has just hired its first "Rat Tsar" using a witty advertisement suggesting the person for the job is "somewhat bloodthirsty". In stark contrast there are Jain monks and nuns living in India who practice *ahimsa*, which means they practice nonviolence towards all living things including plants and insects. For the highest ranking monks this means sweeping the ground you walk on and keeping a strict vegetarian diet without eating root vegetables, since eating the root would kill the plant.

- If you had to choose a side, who would you side with? The "bloodthirsty" New Yorkers or the Jain monks and nuns?
- Are there any animals you find are expendable?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you would have liked the help of an exterminator?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you decided to save an animal even though it was causing you or your surroundings harm?
- In Australia people have been known to keep huntsman spiders indoors because it keeps the house clean from smaller insects and spiders which may be more dangerous. In Spain and Central America the gecko lizard is invited to stay indoors for the same reason. Would you consider allowing a gecko to move in with you? How about a huntsman spider? If you don't know these two animals, try googling them before answering the above questions.

Sources: <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/jainism/>

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/i-huge-spider-living-house-26532306>

Men and women dressing as the opposite sex

In today's program we learnt about a male Kenyan chess player who was caught dressing as a woman in order to enter a women's chess tournament. Dressing as the opposite sex has happened a lot throughout history for different reasons. As an example men have been known to dress as women in order to avoid being drafted into war, while women have been known to dress as men in order to be allowed to fight in wars. In these situations it seems men and women have dressed in order to take part of something only the other gender had access to.

- Men and women are separated in sports because of the biological difference between the two genders, men generally being stronger than women. Do you agree that men and women should be regarded separately when it comes to sports? How about when it comes to chess?
- Are there situations when you agree that separating men and women is warranted? Are there situations when you think allowing both sexes could be positive?
- Do you think some jobs are more suitable for men? Are there jobs that are more suitable for women? Try to give reasons for your answers.

- Do you believe men and women are drawn to or encouraged to do different things in life? Different types of professions? Different types of past-time activities?
- Do you think there is a difference between stereotypical gender roles now and when your parents were your age? If yes, how is it different? If no, how are they the same?

Sources:

<https://blogs.loc.gov/headlinesandheroes/2021/03/women-who-dressed-as-men-and-made-history/>

<https://daily.jstor.org/gender-incommensurability-in-sports/>

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/08/104-countries-have-laws-that-prevent-women-from-working-in-some-jobs/>

Teachers' note

Questions for working with the photo on page 1: Tanzanian women carrying firewood

- Create teams of five students in each (If someone does not want to join a team they can be judges instead).
- Let at least three judges create square one (a starting station), a course through the classroom and a finish line.
- Now! Practice balancing a book on each of your heads in the teams. Then follow each other still balancing the books on your heads through the course in the classroom.
- The team able to keep balancing the books on their heads the longest through the course wins!
- (Want to make it harder? Blindfold one person from each team and, while still balancing a book on their head, have their team guide them through the course using instructions in English only! Watch out for sharp edges!)

KEY

1. Charcoal and firewood.
2. According to the Ministry of Energy around 33,000 people die annually as a result of burning charcoal or firewood in the home.
3. One pollutant is carbon monoxide, which causes serious health effects as people breathe it in. Children are more at risk as their bodies are still developing and they breathe more air per unit of body weight than adults do.
4. 90% of households use charcoal or firewood because gas prices are too high.
5. Using charcoal and firewood contributes to deforestation and the release of greenhouse gas.
6. New York has a growing rodent population consisting of roughly 2 million.
7. Rats have been known to carry and spread several diseases and as such they pose a health risk to the city's residents.
8. They were looking for someone "highly motivated and somewhat bloodthirsty" with a "swashbuckling attitude, crafty humour, and general aura of badassery".
9. The event was a women's chess tournament.
10. He wore a burka and glasses.
11. His reasons were financial, having been tempted by the tournament's \$3,000 prize.
12.
 - a. TRUE
 - b. TRUE
 - c. FALSE
 - d. TRUE
13. The ISSA Grace Kennedy Boys and Girls Championships, known as CHAMPS, is a five day school athletics tournament.
14. They start training around 7:30 in the morning and finish around 8 at night.
15. He came fourth.
16. The athletes all have an opportunity to impress the right people who can provide them with scholarships, i.e. an education.
17. c. data
18. b. families
19. a. gases
20. a. crises
21. b. populations
22. c. women