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UK to ban smoking in cars with kids

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

Britain will soon ban smoking in cars with children. Britain's government wants to reduce the harm cigarette smoke does to children. New laws will cut the chances of children passive smoking. This is when someone breathes in the smoke from a cigarette. Many studies say passive smoking can almost be as harmful as actually smoking a cigarette. The British government said it looked at research that found children who sat in smoke-filled cars had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem is particularly bad in cars because there is so little space, so the car fills with smoke very quickly. The new law will make it illegal for anyone to smoke in a car that has a child in it.

Not everyone agrees with the new law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the freedom for people to smoke in their own car. They believe people should be able to smoke in their car because there are so many public places where smoking is not allowed. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make the ban wider in the future, so no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health minister said the health of children was more important than the freedom to smoke. He told reporters: "The liberty to smoke in your car in front of a child doesn't seem to me that important and protecting a child's health does seem to me to be incredibly important."

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WARM-UPS

1. SMOKING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about smoking. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

ban smoking / harm / cigarettes / smoke / passive smoking / research / space / illegal / lawmakers / freedom / public places / the future / health minister / important

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. IN PUBLIC: What do you think of banning these things in public? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good things	Bad things
Smoking		
Alcohol		
Music players		
Eating		
Swearing		
Wearing flags		

4. SMOKERS: Students A **strongly** believe smokers should pay higher medical bills; Students B **strongly** believe that's very unfair. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. CHILD HEALTH: Rank these with your partner. Put the unhealthiest for children at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- passive smoking
- cola / soda
- television
- pollution
- lack of exercise
- arguing parents
- candy
- bullying

6. FREEDOM: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "freedom". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. A ban on smoking in a car with children began last week in the UK. | T / F |
| b. The UK government wants to reduce the harm passive smoking does. | T / F |
| c. The article says passive smoking is worse than really smoking. | T / F |
| d. It will be illegal in Britain to smoke in a car in which there is a child. | T / F |
| e. Everyone in Britain agrees with the new in-car smoking ban. | T / F |
| f. There are many public places in Britain where you cannot smoke. | T / F |
| g. The article says a few lawmakers want a total ban on smoking in cars. | T / F |
| h. Britain's health minister said child health was most important. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. ban | a. especially |
| 2. harm | b. permitted |
| 3. harmful | c. removes |
| 4. particularly | d. dangerous |
| 5. law | e. looking after |
| 6. takes away | f. prohibit |
| 7. allowed | g. broader |
| 8. wider | h. damage |
| 9. protecting | i. appears to be |
| 10. seems | j. legislation |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Britain will soon ban | a. smoke from a cigarette |
| 2. reduce the harm cigarette | b. is not allowed |
| 3. when someone breathes in the | c. it illegal |
| 4. passive | d. for people to smoke |
| 5. The new law will make | e. smoking in cars |
| 6. lawmakers say it takes away the freedom | f. important |
| 7. public places where smoking | g. a child's health |
| 8. make the ban wider | h. smoke does to children |
| 9. protecting | i. in the future |
| 10. incredibly | j. smoking |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

Britain will (1) _____ ban smoking in cars with children. Britain's government wants to reduce the (2) _____ cigarette smoke does to children. New laws will cut the chances of children (3) _____ smoking. This is when someone breathes in the smoke from a cigarette. Many studies say passive smoking can almost be as harmful as (4) _____ smoking a cigarette. The British government said it looked at (5) _____ that found children who sat in smoke-filled cars had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem is (6) _____ bad in cars because there is so little space, so the car (7) _____ with smoke very quickly. The new law will make it (8) _____ for anyone to smoke in a car that has a child in it.

particularly
passive
soon
harm
illegal
research
fills
actually

Not everyone (9) _____ with the new law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the freedom for people to smoke in their (10) _____ car. They believe people should be able to smoke in their car because there are so many public (11) _____ where smoking is not allowed. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make the ban (12) _____ in the future, so no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health minister said the (13) _____ of children was more important than the freedom to smoke. He told reporters: "The (14) _____ to smoke in your car in front of a child doesn't seem to me that important and (15) _____ a child's health does seem to me to be (16) _____ important."

places
own
protecting
health
agrees
incredibly
liberty
wider

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Britain's government wants to reduce the harm _____
 - a. cigarette smoke has
 - b. cigarette smoke does
 - c. cigarette smoke makes
 - d. cigarette smoke is
- 2) New laws will cut the chances of children _____
 - a. passively smoking
 - b. pass if smoking
 - c. massive smoking
 - d. passive smoking
- 3) children who sat in smoke-filled cars _____
 - a. had health problem
 - b. had health problems
 - c. had health problematic
 - d. had health probably
- 4) Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem _____
 - a. is particularly bad
 - b. is peculiarly bad
 - c. is precautionary bad
 - d. is proactively bad
- 5) The new law will _____
 - a. make it illegally
 - b. make it a legal
 - c. make if illegal
 - d. make it illegal
- 6) Some lawmakers say it takes _____
 - a. away a freedom
 - b. away the freedom
 - c. away all freedom
 - d. away that freedom
- 7) there are so many public places where smoking _____
 - a. is not all owed
 - b. is not all awed
 - c. is not allowed
 - d. is not allowable
- 8) A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make _____
 - a. the ban wilder
 - b. the ban wider
 - c. the ban widen
 - d. the ban wide
- 9) the health of children was more important than the _____
 - a. freedom to smoke
 - b. freedom for smoke
 - c. freedom of smoke
 - d. freedom in smoke
- 10) protecting a child's health does seem to me to be _____
 - a. incredible important
 - b. incredibly importance
 - c. incredible importance
 - d. incredibly important

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Britain will (1) _____ in cars with children. Britain's government wants to reduce the harm cigarette smoke does to children. New laws will (2) _____ of children passive smoking. This is when someone breathes in the smoke from a cigarette. Many studies say passive smoking can almost (3) _____ actually smoking a cigarette. The British government said it looked at research that found children who sat (4) _____ cars had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem (5) _____ in cars because there is so little space, so the car fills with smoke very quickly. The new law will (6) _____ anyone to smoke in a car that has a child in it.

Not everyone (7) _____ law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the freedom for people to smoke (8) _____. They believe people should be able to smoke in their car because there are so many public places where smoking is not allowed. (9) _____ they were worried the government might (10) _____ in the future, so no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health minister said the health of children was more important than the freedom to smoke. He told reporters: "The (11) _____ your car in front of a child doesn't seem to me that important and protecting a child's health does seem to me to (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

1. When will Britain introduce a smoking ban?

2. What does Britain hope the new law will cut?

3. Who/What said passive smoking may be as bad as actually smoking?

4. Who said a problem was "particularly bad"?

5. What fills with smoke quickly?

6. Who disagrees with the new law?

7. What do some people think the law takes away?

8. What are some people worried about?

9. Who said the health of children was more important than smokers?

10. How important did someone say it was to protect a child's health?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

1. When will Britain introduce a smoking ban?
 - a) next week
 - b) soon
 - c) at the end of the year
 - d) March 2016
2. What does Britain hope the new law will cut?
 - a) tax
 - b) pollution
 - c) health costs
 - d) children passive smoking
3. Who/What said passive smoking might be as bad as actually smoking?
 - a) many studies
 - b) a child
 - c) the head of a tobacco company
 - d) a health expert
4. Who said a problem was "particularly bad"?
 - a) a health expert
 - b) Ban Ki-moon
 - c) David Cameron
 - d) a doctor
5. What fills with smoke quickly?
 - a) the atmosphere
 - b) cars
 - c) rooms
 - d) lungs
6. Who disagrees with the new law?
 - a) the boss of Rolls Royce
 - b) all smokers
 - c) some lawmakers
 - d) most people in Britain
7. What do some people think the law takes away?
 - a) safety
 - b) health
 - c) money
 - d) freedom
8. What are some people worried about?
 - a) a total ban on smoking in cars
 - b) their health
 - c) their money
 - d) the environment
9. Who said the health of children was more important than smokers?
 - a) Britain's health minister
 - b) a child doctor
 - c) the boss of Toyota
 - d) a child
10. How important did someone say it was to protect a child's health?
 - a) very important
 - b) incredibly important
 - c) somewhat important
 - d) not that important

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

Role A – Passive smoking

You think passive smoking is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): soda, a lack of exercise or television.

Role B – Soda

You think soda is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): passive smoking, a lack of exercise or television.

Role C – A lack of exercise

You think a lack of exercise is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): soda, passive smoking or television.

Role D – Television

You think television is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): soda, a lack of exercise or passive smoking.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'smoking' and 'ban'.

smoking	ban
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• soon• harm• actually• found• bad• illegal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• agrees• believe• few• minister• liberty• incredibly
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SMOKING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

Write five GOOD questions about smoking in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SMOKING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'smoking'?
- c) What do you think of smoking?
- d) Why do people smoke?
- e) Should people be allowed to smoke in their car if they want to?
- f) What do you think of someone else's cigarette smoke?
- g) What do you think of passive smoking?
- h) How can the government get more people to stop smoking?
- i) What would you do if you were in a car and someone smoked?
- j) What should happen to people who smoke in a car in front of kids?

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SMOKING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you agree with the new law?
- c) Is smoking a freedom that a government should protect?
- d) Would you like to see smoking banned in all public places?
- e) Are cigarettes similar to drugs?
- f) What smoking laws are there in your country?
- g) From what age is it OK for someone to start smoking?
- h) Do you think smoking will disappear forever one day?
- i) What other things should be banned in cars?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a car-driving smoker?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Not everyone agrees (7) _____ the new law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the freedom for people to smoke in their own car. They believe people should be (8) _____ to smoke in their car because there are so many public places where smoking is not allowed. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make the ban (9) _____ in the future, so no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health minister said the health of children was (10) _____ important than the freedom to smoke. He told reporters: "The liberty to smoke in your car in front of a child doesn't (11) _____ to me that important and protecting a child's health does seem to me to be (12) _____ important."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) induce | (b) deduce | (c) reduce | (d) juice |
| 2. | (a) cut | (b) chop | (c) dice | (d) slice |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) out | (c) up | (d) down |
| 4. | (a) filled | (b) filling | (c) filler | (d) fills |
| 5. | (a) particular | (b) peculiarly | (c) peculiar | (d) particularly |
| 6. | (a) have | (b) do | (c) create | (d) make |
| 7. | (a) with | (b) for | (c) by | (d) at |
| 8. | (a) could | (b) ability | (c) can | (d) able |
| 9. | (a) wider | (b) widened | (c) width | (d) widest |
| 10. | (a) most | (b) more | (c) many | (d) much |
| 11. | (a) seen | (b) seem | (c) theme | (d) team |
| 12. | (a) incredibly | (b) incredible | (c) inedible | (d) illegibly |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. edrceu the harm cigarette smoke does
2. cut the chances of children ssepavi smoking
3. someone ehrbesta in the smoke from a cigarette
4. it looked at rrehcase
5. the problem is lalycparutri bad in cars
6. The new law will make it llaigle

Paragraph 2

7. Not everyone aeserg with the new law
8. public places where smoking is not wdloael
9. the egternnvom might make the ban wider
10. The ylbtrie to smoke in your car
11. enigrpotct a child's health
12. beicnrldyi important

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () minister said the health of children was more important than the freedom to smoke. He told
- () harm cigarette smoke does to children. New laws will cut the chances of children passive
- () freedom for people to smoke in their own car. They believe people should be able to smoke in their car because there are so
- () Not everyone agrees with the new law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the
- () reporters: "The liberty to smoke in your car in front of a child doesn't seem to
- () the problem is particularly bad in cars because there is so little space, so the car fills
- () might make the ban wider in the future, so no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health
- () harmful as actually smoking a cigarette. The British government said it looked at research that
- () me that important and protecting a child's health does seem to me to be incredibly important."
- () found children who sat in smoke-filled cars had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said
- (**1**) Britain will soon ban smoking in cars with children. Britain's government wants to reduce the
- () with smoke very quickly. The new law will make it illegal for anyone to smoke in a car that has a child in it.
- () many public places where smoking is not allowed. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government
- () smoking. This is when someone breathes in the smoke from a cigarette. Many studies say passive smoking can almost be as

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. cigarette the smoke Someone from breathes a in.

2. smoking be passive almost harmful say can as Studies.

3. health had cars filled - smoke in sat who Children problems.

4. is space in there little Bad because so cars.

5. anyone a to child smoke in in it a car Illegal that for has.

6. Not law new the with agrees everyone.

7. people away for smoke takes freedom to It the.

8. allowed where smoking Many is public not places.

9. ban government wider might make Worried the the.

10. smoke The a in in liberty child front your to of car.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban.html>

Britain will *sooner / soon* ban smoking in cars with children. Britain's government wants to *reduce / deduce* the harm cigarette smoke *do / does* to children. New laws will cut the *opportunities / chances* of children passive smoking. This is when someone breathes in the smoke from a cigarette. Many studies say *impassive / passive* smoking can almost be as harmful as actually *smoking / smokes* a cigarette. The British government said it looked at research that found children who sat in *smoke-filled / smoke-filling* cars had health *problems / problem*. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem is *peculiar / particularly* bad in cars because there is so little space, so the car fills with smoke very quickly. The new law will *do / make* it illegal for anyone to smoke in a car that has a child in it.

Not everyone *agreeing / agrees* with the new law. Some lawmakers say it takes *off / away* the freedom for people to smoke in their *now / own* car. They believe people should be able to smoke in their car because there are so many *public / publicly* places where smoking is *not / non* allowed. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make the ban *width / wider* in the future, *so / as* no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health minister said the health of children *were / was* more important than the freedom to smoke. He told reporters: "The *library / liberty* to smoke in your car in front of a child doesn't *seem / seen* to me that important and protecting a child's health *is / does* seem to me to be incredibly important."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Br_t__n w_ll s__n b_n sm_k_ng _n c_rs w_th ch_ldr_n.
Br_t__n's g_v_rnm_nt w_nts t_r_d_c__ th_h_rm
c_g_r_tt__ sm_k__d__s t__ch_ldr_n. N_w l_ws w_ll c_t
th__ch_nc_s __f ch_ldr_n p_ss_v__ sm_k_ng. Th_s __s
wh_n s_m__n__ br__th_s __n th__ sm_k__ fr_m __
c_g_r_tt__. M_ny st_d__s s_y p_ss_v__ sm_k_ng c_n
_lm_st b__s h_rmf_l__s __ct__lly sm_k_ng __c_g_r_tt__.
Th__ Br_t_sh g_v_rnm_nt s__d __t l__k_d __t r_s__rch
th_t f__nd ch_ldr_n wh__s_t__n sm_k__-f_ll_d c_rs h_d
h__lth pr_bl_ms. Br_t__n's l__d_r D_v_d C_m_r_n s__d
th__ pr_bl_m__s p_rt_c_l_rly b_d__n c_rs b_c__s__ th_r__
_s s__lttl__ sp_c__, s__th__c_r f_lls w_th sm_k__v_ry
q__ckly. Th__n_w l_w w_ll m_k__t__ll_g_l_f_r__ny_n__
t__sm_k__ __n__c_r th_t h_s __ch_ld__n__t.

N_t __v_ry_n__ __gr__s w_th th__n_w l_w. S_m__
l_wm_k_rs s_y __t t_k_s __w_y th__fr__d_m f_r p__pl__
t__sm_k__ __n th__r__wn c_r. Th_y b_l__v__p__pl__
sh__ld b__bl__t__sm_k__ __n th__r c_r b_c__s__ th_r__
_r__s__m_ny p_bl_c pl_c_s wh_r__sm_k_ng __s n_t
__ll_w_d. __f_w l_wm_k_rs s__d th_y w_r w_rr__d th__
g_v_rnm_nt m_gh_t m_k__th__b_n w_d_r__n th__f_t_r__,
s__n__n__c__ld sm_k__ __n__c_r. H_w_v_r, Br_t__n's
h__lth m_nst_r s__d th__h__lth __f ch_ldr_n w_s m_r__
__mp_rt_nt th_n th__fr__d_m t__sm_k__. H__t_ld
r_p_rt_rs: "Th__l_b_rty t__sm_k__ __n y__r c_r__n fr_nt
__f __ch_ld d__sn't s__m t__m__th_t __mp_rt_nt __nd
pr_t_ct_ng __ch_ld's h__lth d__s s__m t__m__t__b__
__ncr_d_bly __mp_rt_nt."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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Not everyone agrees with the new law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the freedom for people to smoke in their own car. They believe people should be able to smoke in their car because there are so many public places where smoking is not allowed. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make the ban wider in the future so no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health minister said the health of children was more important than the freedom to smoke. He told reporters "the liberty to smoke in your car in front of a child doesn't seem to me that important and protecting a child's health does seem to me to be incredibly important".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about smoking. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SMOKING: Make a poster about smoking. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NO SMOKING IN CARS: Write a magazine article about a ban on smoking in cars. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a child-health expert. Ask him/her three questions about passive smoking and children. Give him/her three of your thoughts on this. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. ban | a. prohibit |
| 2. harm | b. damage |
| 3. harmful | c. dangerous |
| 4. particularly | d. especially |
| 5. law | e. legislation |
| 6. takes away | f. removes |
| 7. allowed | g. permitted |
| 8. wider | h. broader |
| 9. protecting | i. looking after |
| 10. seems | j. appears to be |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Soon
2. The chances of children passive smoking
3. Many studies
4. Britain's leader David Cameron
5. Cars
6. Some lawmakers
7. Freedom
8. A future ban on smoking in cars
9. Britain's health minister
10. Incredibly important

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)