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People told to avoid skin-lightening creams

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

An association of local governments in the UK, called the LGA, has warned consumers about the use of some skin-lightening creams. The LGA discovered that some of the whitening cosmetics they tested contained banned ingredients and were thus illegal. However, they were available for purchase in UK stores. An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could pose a serious threat to consumers' health. He said there has been an increase in the number of users experiencing health problems after using the creams. These include seizures, rashes and scarring. The spokesperson said the creams could increase the risk of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.

The global skin-lightening industry is booming. In 2017, it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is forecast to nearly double to around \$8.9 billion in the next decade. Many people use it to reduce the darkness of the color of their skin. The LGA warned that "rogue retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions on which the label incorrectly listed the ingredients and omitted the illegal substances. The LGA said some illegal ingredients acted like paint stripper and could burn off the top layer of skin. It said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could seriously damage your health, scar you for life and even kill you, so they should be avoided at all costs."

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/skin-lightening-creams-dangerous-health-scar-ingredients-illegal-banned-a9124071.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/28/illegal-skin-lightening-creams-on-sale-england-wales>
<https://inews.co.uk/news/consumer/public-warned-to-avoid-rogue-skin-lightening-creams-at-all-costs-which-act-like-paint-stripper-638100>

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

association / local / governments / consumers / cream / ingredients / threat / liver industry / booming / decade / skin / illegal / paint stripper / dangerous / scar / cost

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

3. BANNED: Students A **strongly** believe skin-lightening cream should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CREAMS: How effective are these creams? What does the advertising say? Do you believe it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Effectiveness	What The Advertising Says	Do You Believe It?
Skin-lightening			
Anti-ageing			
Moisturizer			
Sun-tan lotion			
Anti-acne cream			
Cleanser			

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

6. TAKE CARE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to take care of at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- skin
- waistline
- eyes
- teeth
- heart
- brain
- hair
- back

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. association | a. Officially or legally prohibited. |
| 2. consumer | b. An area of reddening of a person's skin, sometimes with raised spots, appearing especially as a result of allergy or illness. |
| 3. cosmetics | c. A group of people organized for a joint purpose. |
| 4. banned | d. Product applied to the body, especially the face, to improve its appearance. |
| 5. ingredients | e. A person who purchases goods and services for personal use. |
| 6. pose | f. The different parts or elements of something (like food, a recipe, a medicine, etc.). |
| 7. rash | g. Present or constitute a problem, danger, or difficulty. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| 8. booming | h. Predict or estimate a future event or trend. |
| 9. forecast | i. A period of ten years. |
| 10. decade | j. A mark left on the skin or within body tissue where a wound, burn, or sore has not healed completely. |
| 11. rogue | k. Having a period of great prosperity or rapid economic growth. |
| 12. omitted | l. Kept away from or stop oneself from doing something. |
| 13. scar | m. Left out or excludes someone or something. |
| 14. avoided | n. A very dishonest person. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

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

- a. The UK national government spoke about skin-lightening cream. **T / F**
- b. Local UK governments found all skin-lightening creams to be illegal. **T / F**
- c. Skin-lightening creams are only available online in the UK. **T / F**
- d. A spokesperson said skin-lightening creams could cause liver damage. **T / F**
- e. The skin-lightening cream industry is worth \$8.9 billion worldwide. **T / F**
- f. The article says rogue retailers are selling \$8.9 skin-lightening creams. **T / F**
- g. Some skin-lightening creams omit ingredients on their labels. **T / F**
- h. Local governments say some skin-lightening creams can kill. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. association | a. application |
| 2. use | b. prohibited |
| 3. pose | c. rise |
| 4. increase | d. good-for-nothing |
| 5. risk | e. contents |
| 6. booming | f. likelihood |
| 7. rogue | g. union |
| 8. ingredients | h. steered clear of |
| 9. banned | i. constitute |
| 10. avoided | j. flourishing |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. An association of local | a. a serious threat |
| 2. available for purchase | b. the ingredients |
| 3. these ingredients could pose | c. kidney damage |
| 4. increase the risk | d. costs |
| 5. liver and | e. is booming |
| 6. The global skin-lightening industry | f. double |
| 7. forecast to nearly | g. governments in the UK |
| 8. the label incorrectly listed | h. of skin |
| 9. burn off the top layer | i. of skin cancer |
| 10. they should be avoided at all | j. in UK stores |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

An association of (1) _____ governments in the UK, called the LGA, has warned consumers about the (2) _____ of some skin-lightening creams. The LGA discovered that some of the whitening cosmetics they tested contained banned (3) _____ and were thus illegal. However, they were (4) _____ for purchase in UK stores. An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could (5) _____ a serious threat to consumers' health. He said there has been an increase in the (6) _____ of users experiencing health problems after using the creams. These include seizures, (7) _____ and scarring. The spokesperson said the creams could increase the (8) _____ of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.

ingredients

number

local

risk

available

use

rashes

pose

The global skin-lightening industry is (9) _____. In 2017, it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is (10) _____ to nearly double to around \$8.9 billion in the next (11) _____. Many people use it to reduce the darkness of the color of their skin. The LGA warned that "(12) _____ retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions on which the label incorrectly (13) _____ the ingredients and omitted the illegal substances. The LGA said some illegal ingredients acted like paint (14) _____ and could burn off the top layer of skin. It said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very (15) _____ and could seriously damage your health, scar you for life and even kill you, so they should be avoided at all (16) _____."

decade

stripper

rogue

costs

booming

dangerous

forecast

listed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

- 1) An association of local governments in the UK, called the LGA, _____
 - a. has warned consumer
 - b. has warned consumers
 - c. has waned consumers
 - d. has warned consumers
- 2) the whitening cosmetics they tested contained banned ingredients and _____
 - a. were thus illegal
 - b. were this illegally
 - c. were thus illegality
 - d. were this illegal
- 3) An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could pose _____
 - a. a seriously threat
 - b. a serious threat
 - c. a serious threats
 - d. a serious treat
- 4) These include seizures, rashes _____
 - a. and scaring
 - b. end scurrying
 - c. and scarring
 - d. end scarring
- 5) creams could increase the risk of skin cancer, and liver and _____
 - a. kid knee damage
 - b. kid need damage
 - c. kidney damage
 - d. kid knead damage
- 6) The global skin-lightening industry _____
 - a. is boom in
 - b. is boom in
 - c. is booming
 - d. is boom Ming
- 7) it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is forecast to _____
 - a. nearly double
 - b. nearly doubles
 - c. nearly doubled
 - d. nearly doublet
- 8) the label incorrectly listed the ingredients and omitted the _____
 - a. illegal substance
 - b. illegal substance is
 - c. illegal substances
 - d. illegal sub stances
- 9) some illegal ingredients acted like paint stripper and could burn off the top _____
 - a. laver of skin
 - b. layer of skin
 - c. later of skin
 - d. laser of skin
- 10) scar you for life and even kill you, so they should be _____ costs
 - a. avoided at all
 - b. avoid did at all
 - c. avoided it all
 - d. avoided at tall

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

An association of local governments in the UK, called the LGA, (1) _____ about the use of some skin-lightening creams. The LGA discovered that some of the whitening cosmetics (2) _____ banned ingredients and were thus illegal. However, they were available (3) _____ UK stores. An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could (4) _____ threat to consumers' health. He said there has been an increase in the number of users experiencing health problems after (5) _____. These include seizures, rashes and scarring. The spokesperson said the creams could increase the risk of skin cancer, and (6) _____ damage.

The global skin-lightening (7) _____. In 2017, it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is (8) _____ double to around \$8.9 billion in the next decade. Many people use it to reduce the darkness of the color (9) _____. The LGA warned that "rogue retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions on which the label incorrectly listed the ingredients and (10) _____ substances. The LGA said some illegal ingredients acted like paint stripper and could burn off the top (11) _____. It said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could seriously damage your health, scar you for life and even kill you, so they should (12) _____ all costs."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

1. What association in the UK warned against skin-lightening creams?
2. What did the LGA say the skin-lightening creams contained?
3. To whom did an LGA spokesperson say the creams could pose a threat?
4. What kind of cancer could the creams cause?
5. What two organs did a spokesperson say the creams could damage?
6. How much could the skin-lightening cream industry be worth in 2029?
7. Who did the LGA warn against?
8. What did the LGA say some of the creams acted like?
9. For how long did the LGA say some creams could scar people?
10. To what extent did the LGA say the creams should be avoided?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

- 1) What association in the UK warned against skin-lightening creams?
 - a) a cosmetics association
 - b) a local government association
 - c) a medical association
 - d) an association of pharmacies
- 2) What did the LGA say the skin-lightening creams contained?
 - a) poisons
 - b) white paint
 - c) alcohol
 - d) banned ingredients
- 3) To whom did an LGA spokesperson say the creams could pose a threat?
 - a) consumers
 - b) doctors
 - c) shopkeepers
 - d) rogues
- 4) What kind of cancer could the creams cause?
 - a) throat cancer
 - b) bowel cancer
 - c) skin cancer
 - d) lung cancer
- 5) What two organs did a spokesperson say the creams could damage?
 - a) skin and eyes
 - b) liver and kidneys
 - c) heart and lungs
 - d) lungs and kidneys
- 6) How much could the skin-lightening cream industry be worth in 2029?
 - a) around \$8.9 billion
 - b) around \$8.4 billion
 - c) around \$4.8 billion
 - d) around \$9.8 billion
- 7) Who did the LGA warn against?
 - a) doctors
 - b) tanning shop owners
 - c) rogue retailers
 - d) pharmacists
- 8) What did the LGA say some of the creams acted like?
 - a) paint stripper
 - b) acid
 - c) sandpaper
 - d) bleach
- 9) For how long did the LGA ask some creams could scar people?
 - a) for life
 - b) decades
 - c) a dozen years
 - d) a few months
- 10) To what extent did the LGA say the creams should be avoided?
 - a) somewhat
 - b) greatly
 - c) carefully
 - d) at all costs

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

Role A – Skin

You think it is most important to look after your skin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important to look after. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these to look after (and why): eyes, back or waistline.

Role B – Eyes

You think it is most important to look after your eyes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important to look after. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these to look after (and why): skin, back or waistline.

Role C – Back

You think it is most important to look after your back. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important to look after. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these to look after (and why): eyes, skin or waistline.

Role D – Waistline

You think it is most important to look after your waistline. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important to look after. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these to look after (and why): eyes, back or skin.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

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

skin	cream

- 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">• local• discovered• purchase• pose• number• liver	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• global• double• reduce• omitted• burn• costs
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SKIN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

Write five GOOD questions about skin 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.

SKIN DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'skin'?
3. What are the different functions of skin?
4. What worries do you have about your skin?
5. What do you do to look after your skin?
6. What do you think of skin-lightening cream?
7. How dangerous are cosmetics?
8. What does 'beauty is only skin deep' mean?
9. Should shops be fined for selling the skin-lightening creams?
10. Why do people worry about their skin color?

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SKIN DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'cream'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are cosmetics a waste of time and money?
15. Do you trust what is written on the label of goods?
16. What do you think of skin-darkening cream?
17. How would you feel about being burnt by cosmetics?
18. Do people look better without cosmetics?
19. How sensitive is your skin?
20. What questions would you like to ask the creams' makers?

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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An (1) _____ of local governments in the UK, called the LGA, has warned consumers about the (2) _____ of some skin-lightening creams. The LGA discovered that some of the whitening cosmetics they tested contained banned ingredients and were (3) _____ illegal. However, they were available for purchase in UK stores. An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could (4) _____ a serious threat to consumers' health. He said there has been an increase in the number of users experiencing health problems after using the creams. These include (5) _____, rashes and scarring. The spokesperson said the creams could increase the risk (6) _____ skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.

The global skin-lightening industry is (7) _____. In 2017, it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is forecast to nearly (8) _____ to around \$8.9 billion in the next decade. Many people use it to reduce the darkness of the color of their skin. The LGA warned that "(9) _____ retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions on which the label incorrectly listed the ingredients and omitted the illegal substances. The LGA said some illegal ingredients (10) _____ like paint stripper and could burn off the top (11) _____ of skin. It said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could seriously damage your health, scar you for life and even kill you, so they should be (12) _____ at all costs."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) independence | (b) association | (c) abrogation | (d) societal |
| 2. | (a) useful | (b) use | (c) used | (d) user |
| 3. | (a) such | (b) there | (c) that | (d) thus |
| 4. | (a) suppose | (b) pose | (c) posy | (d) poser |
| 5. | (a) holds | (b) seizures | (c) catches | (d) grabs |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) of | (d) on |
| 7. | (a) ramming | (b) humming | (c) booming | (d) sloping |
| 8. | (a) twofold | (b) doppelganger | (c) double | (d) duet |
| 9. | (a) segue | (b) vogue | (c) vague | (d) rogue |
| 10. | (a) played | (b) prompted | (c) displayed | (d) acted |
| 11. | (a) layer | (b) leaf | (c) wrinkle | (d) flake |
| 12. | (a) invaded | (b) escaped | (c) avoided | (d) hatched |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

Paragraph 1

1. An onaiatcsso of local governments
2. warned seorsnmcu
3. whitening stcoeicsm
4. contained banned tidrgenenis
5. These include seizures, rashes and agnirscr
6. liver and ikdyen damage

Paragraph 2

7. The global skin-lightening yrtindsu
8. atorecfs to nearly double
9. euorg retailers
10. illegal bnsassetcu
11. yruselsio damage your health
12. they should be idoedva at all costs

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () the creams could increase the risk of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.
- () color of their skin. The LGA warned that "rogue retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions
- () health. He said there has been an increase in the number of users experiencing health
- (**1**) An association of local governments in the UK, called the LGA, has warned consumers about the use
- () problems after using the creams. These include seizures, rashes and scarring. The spokesperson said
- () The global skin-lightening industry is booming. In 2017, it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is forecast
- () of some skin-lightening creams. The LGA discovered that some of the whitening cosmetics they tested
- () in UK stores. An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could pose a serious threat to consumers'
- () you for life and even kill you, so they should be avoided at all costs."
- () ingredients acted like paint stripper and could burn off the top layer of skin. It said: "Skin creams
- () to nearly double to around \$8.9 billion in the next decade. Many people use it to reduce the darkness of the
- () contained banned ingredients and were thus illegal. However, they were available for purchase
- () containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could seriously damage your health, scar
- () on which the label incorrectly listed the ingredients and omitted the illegal substances. The LGA said some illegal

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

1. An the UK . of association governments in local
2. whitening tested they cosmetics The contained ingredients . banned
3. were They purchase UK stores . available for in
4. serious threat consumers' a health . Pose to
5. skin increase the of risk cancer . Creams could
6. an . was valued \$4.8 billion It at estimated
7. use Many reduce to people darkness . the it
8. were illegal lotions . Rogue skin-lightening retailers selling
9. very banned creams are dangerous . ingredients Skin containing
10. costs . be at should avoided They all

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191002-skin-lightening-cream.html>

An *association / associated* of local governments in the UK, called the LGA, has warned *consumption / consumers* about the use of some skin-lightening creams. The LGA discovered that *some / sample* of the whitening cosmetics they tested contained *banned / binned* ingredients and were thus illegal. However, they were *available / avails* for purchase in UK stores. An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could *phase / pose* a serious threat to consumers' health. He said there has been an *increase / upper* in the number of users experiencing *health / healthy* problems after using the creams. These include seizures, *rashes / trashes* and scarring. The spokesperson said the creams could increase the *risky / risk* of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage.

The global skin-lightening industry is *dooming / booming*. In 2017, it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is *cast / forecast* to nearly double to around \$8.9 billion in the next *decadence / decade*. Many people use it to reduce the darkness of the color of their skin. The LGA warned that "*vogue / rogue* retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening *lotions / potions* on which the label incorrectly listed the *ingredients / gradients* and omitted the illegal substances. The LGA said some illegal ingredients acted like paint stripper and could *burnt / burn* off the top layer of skin. It said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could *seriously / serious* damage your health, *scar / scare* you for life and even kill you, so they should be avoided at all *costs / accosts*."

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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A n _ s s _ c _ _ t _ _ n _ f _ l _ c _ l _ g _ v _ r _ n _ m _ n _ t _ s _ n _ t _ h _ U
K , _ c _ l _ l _ d _ t _ h _ L _ G _ A , _ h _ s _ w _ r _ n _ d _ c _ n _ s _ m _ r _ s
_ b _ _ t _ t _ h _ _ s _ _ f _ s _ m _ s _ k _ n _ - _ l _ g _ h _ t _ n _ n _ g _ c _ r _ _ m _ s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the global skinlightening industry is booming in 2017 it was valued at an estimated 48 billion and is forecast to nearly double to around 89 billion in the next decade many people use it to reduce the darkness of the color of their skin the lga warned that rogue retailers were selling illegal skinlightening lotions on which the label incorrectly listed the ingredients and omitted the illegal substances the lga said some illegal ingredients acted like paint stripper and could burn off the top layer of skin it said skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could seriously damage your health scar you for life and even kill you so they should be avoided at all costs"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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An association of local governments in the UK, called the LGA, has warned consumers about the use of some skin-lightening creams. The LGA discovered that some of the whitening cosmetics they tested contained banned ingredients and were thus illegal. However, they were available for purchase in UK stores. An LGA spokesperson said these ingredients could pose a serious threat to consumers' health. He said there has been an increase in the number of users experiencing health problems after using the creams. These include seizures, rashes and scarring. The spokesperson said the creams could increase the risk of skin cancer, and liver and kidney damage. The global skin-lightening industry is booming. In 2017, it was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion and is forecast to nearly double to around \$8.9 billion in the next decade. Many people use it to reduce the darkness of the color of their skin. The LGA warned that "rogue retailers" were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions on which the label incorrectly listed the ingredients and omitted the illegal substances. The LGA said some illegal ingredients acted like paint stripper and could burn off the top layer of skin. It said: "Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous and could seriously damage your health, scare you for life and even kill you, so they should be avoided at all costs."

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SKIN-LIGHTENING PRODUCTS: Write a magazine article about banning skin-lightening products. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 an expert on skin. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can take care of our skin. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. association | a. union |
| 2. use | b. application |
| 3. pose | c. constitute |
| 4. increase | d. rise |
| 5. risk | e. likelihood |
| 6. booming | f. flourishing |
| 7. rogue | g. good-for-nothing |
| 8. ingredients | h. contents |
| 9. banned | i. prohibited |
| 10. avoided | j. steered clear of |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A local government association
2. Banned ingredients
3. Consumers
4. Skin cancer
5. Liver and kidneys
6. Around \$8.9 billion
7. Rogue retailers
8. Paint stripper
9. For life
10. At all costs

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. An association of local governments in the UK.
2. The whitening cosmetics they tested contained banned ingredients.
3. They were available for purchase in UK stores.
4. Pose a serious threat to consumers' health.
5. Creams could increase the risk of skin cancer.
6. It was valued at an estimated \$4.8 billion.
7. Many people use it to reduce the darkness.
8. Rogue retailers were selling illegal skin-lightening lotions.
9. Skin creams containing banned ingredients are very dangerous.
10. They should be avoided at all costs.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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