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Scientists tell WHO e-cigarettes are helpful

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THE READING

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A group of 53 scientists wrote to the World Health Organisation (WHO) two days before World No Tobacco Day on May the 31st. They asked the WHO not to make e-cigarettes a tobacco product. E-cigarettes help people quit smoking. They do not have any tobacco inside them. Instead, they contain nicotine, which makes people feel like they are smoking. Doctors say this is better for people's health than real cigarettes. The WHO says e-cigarettes are like real cigarettes. It says countries can tax them, ban advertising, introduce health warnings, and ban them in public.

The scientists said e-cigarettes help to reduce disease and deaths from smoking. They are a "low-risk product" that are "part of the solution" to stop smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products could be among the most significant health innovations of the 21st century, perhaps saving hundreds of millions of lives." They told the WHO not to control them. Researchers from the University of Chicago said e-cigarettes could encourage young people to smoke and mean that fewer people quit smoking.

Sources: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/05/28/health-ecigarettes-idINL6N0OD3ZE20140528>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A group of | a. they are smoking |
| 2. two days before | b. people quit smoking |
| 3. make e-cigarettes | c. real cigarettes |
| 4. E-cigarettes help | d. in public |
| 5. They do not have any | e. World No Tobacco Day |
| 6. makes people feel like | f. a tobacco product |
| 7. e-cigarettes are like | g. tobacco inside them |
| 8. ban them | h. 53 scientists |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. help to reduce | a. risk product" |
| 2. deaths from | b. millions of lives |
| 3. They are a "low- | c. the most significant |
| 4. the solution | d. disease |
| 5. These products could be among | e. innovations |
| 6. health | f. people to smoke |
| 7. saving hundreds of | g. smoking |
| 8. e-cigarettes could encourage young | h. to stop smoking |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A group of 53 (1) _____ World Health Organisation (WHO) two days before World No Tobacco Day on May the 31st. They asked the WHO not to make e-cigarettes (2) _____. E-cigarettes help people quit smoking. They do not have any (3) _____. Instead, they contain nicotine, which makes people (4) _____ smoking. Doctors say this is (5) _____ health than real cigarettes. The WHO says e-cigarettes are like real cigarettes. It says countries can tax them, ban advertising, introduce health warnings, and (6) _____.

The scientists said e-cigarettes (7) _____ disease and deaths from smoking. They are a "(8) _____" that are "part of the solution" to stop smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products (9) _____ the most significant (10) _____ the 21st century, perhaps saving hundreds (11) _____." They told the WHO not to control them. Researchers from the University of Chicago said e-cigarettes could encourage young people to smoke and mean that fewer (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
