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New Zealand U-turns on planned smoking ban

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

New Zealand's new conservative government has abandoned a groundbreaking plan to ban smoking in the country. Last year, New Zealand became the first country in the world to introduce legislation to phase out the sale of cigarettes. Then leader Jacinda Ardern introduced measures to phase out smoking by preventing new generations of young adults from purchasing cigarettes. The policy was hailed around the world as a bold move to improve the health of the nation. However, the new Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, has controversially done a U-turn and junked Ms Ardern's plans. He said the ban was unaffordable and that the country needed the tax revenues from tobacco sales.

The radical smoking ban was a landmark decision that prompted other countries to reconsider their public health policies. The British government followed suit by announcing laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes over the coming years. A spokesperson said the UK wants "to deliver smoke-free generations". Canada has recently become the first country to require health warnings be put on individual cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms over Mr Luxon's about-turn. One group said: "Turning the tide on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done by individuals or even communities. It takes good and brave population-level policies."

Sources: <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/11/28/asia/new-zealand-smoking-ban-reversal-intl-hnk/index.html>
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<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/shock-reversal-nationals-smokefree-law-repeal-makes-headlines-all-over-the-world/7X7INQ7ANNCPBLYOFAB7UTURQ/>

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, 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?

New Zealand / conservative / groundbreaking / smoking / ban / cigarettes / U-turns / decision / public health / laws / health warnings / being up in arms / population

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

3. CIGARETTES: Students A **strongly** believe cigarettes and vapes should be banned worldwide; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BANS: What do you think about banning these things? How would a ban change the world? Complete this table with your partner(s) and share what you wrote. Change partners often.

	What I Think	Changes in the World
Smoking		
Plastic bags		
Guns		
Meat		
Animal fur		
Hunting		

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

6. BAD HABITS: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst habits at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Smoking
- Being late
- Biting your nails
- Oversleeping
- Procrastinating
- Slouching
- Overspending
- Being glued to screens

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. abandoned | a. Innovative; pioneering. |
| 2. groundbreaking | b. Praised someone or something enthusiastically. |
| 3. legislation | c. Withdraw something from use in gradual stages. |
| 4. phase out | d. Laws, considered collectively. |
| 5. hailed | e. Gave up completely a practice or a course of action. |
| 6. controversially | f. Discarded or thrown out suddenly. |
| 7. junked | g. In a way that gives rise to prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 8. radical | h. Reversing the general course of events. |
| 9. landmark | i. Relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough. |
| 10. prompted | j. Very angry. |
| 11. followed suit | k. Of an attitude, habit, or belief that is firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change. |
| 12. up in arms | l. Caused or brought about an action or feeling. |
| 13. turning the tide | m. Did the same thing as someone else who had done it earlier. |
| 14. entrenched | n. An event or discovery marking an important stage or turning point in something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

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

1. New Zealand's leader has a groundbreaking plan. **T / F**
2. There are two countries that have smoking bans. **T / F**
3. Phasing out smoking was seen worldwide as being a bold move. **T / F**
4. The smoking ban U-turn was because the government needs taxes. **T / F**
5. The U.K. decided to follow the previous New Zealand's leaders lead. **T / F**
6. The article says Canada will also ban individuals from smoking. **T / F**
7. The anti-smoking lobby is up in arms about the smoking ban U-turn. **T / F**
8. An anti-smoking group suggested the government needed to be brave. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. abandoned | a. historic |
| 2. legislation | b. need |
| 3. measures | c. praised |
| 4. hailed | d. dropped |
| 5. revenues | e. courageous |
| 6. landmark | f. against the law |
| 7. illegal | g. actions |
| 8. require | h. established |
| 9. entrenched | i. laws |
| 10. brave | j. receipts |

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

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. abandoned a groundbreaking | a. world as a bold move |
| 2. the first country in the world to | b. to buy cigarettes |
| 3. The policy was hailed around the | c. from tobacco sales |
| 4. He said the ban was | d. by announcing laws |
| 5. the country needed the tax revenues | e. plan to ban smoking |
| 6. The radical smoking ban was | f. on individual cigarettes |
| 7. The British government followed suit | g. on harmful products |
| 8. make it illegal for youngsters | h. unaffordable |
| 9. require health warnings be put | i. a landmark decision |
| 10. Turning the tide | j. introduce legislation |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

New Zealand's new conservative government has (1) _____ a groundbreaking plan to ban smoking in the country. Last year, New Zealand became the first country in the world to introduce (2) _____ to phase out the sale of cigarettes. Then leader Jacinda Ardern introduced measures to phase out smoking by preventing new generations of young adults from (3) _____ cigarettes. The policy was hailed around the world as a (4) _____ move to improve the (5) _____ of the nation. However, the new Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, has (6) _____ done a U-turn and junked Ms Ardern's plans. He said the ban was (7) _____ and that the country needed the tax (8) _____ from tobacco sales.

bold
controversially
abandoned
revenues
purchasing
unaffordable
legislation
health

The radical smoking ban was a (9) _____ decision that prompted other countries to reconsider their public health policies. The British government followed (10) _____ by announcing laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes over the coming years. A spokesperson said the UK wants "to (11) _____ smoke-free generations". Canada has recently become the first country to require health warnings be put on (12) _____ cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in (13) _____ over Mr Luxon's about-turn. One group said: "Turning the (14) _____ on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done by (15) _____ or even communities. It takes good and brave population-level (16) _____."

deliver
policies
landmark
arms
suit
individuals
individual
tide

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

- 1) Last year, New Zealand became the first country in the world _____
 - a. to introduce legislating
 - b. to introduce legislators
 - c. to introduce reticulation
 - d. to introduce legislation
- 2) Then leader Jacinda Ardern introduced measures to _____
 - a. phrase out smoking
 - b. phase out smoking
 - c. pass out smoking
 - d. faze out smoking
- 3) The policy was hailed around the world as _____
 - a. a bald mauve
 - b. a bold mauve
 - c. a bold move
 - d. a bald move
- 4) Christopher Luxon, has controversially done a U-turn and _____
 - a. junked Ms Ardern's plans
 - b. dunked Ms Ardern's plans
 - c. bunked Ms Ardern's plans
 - d. funked Ms Ardern's plans
- 5) He said the ban was unaffordable and that the country needed _____
 - a. the tax retinues
 - b. the tax revues
 - c. the tax reviews
 - d. the tax revenues
- 6) The radical smoking ban was a landmark decision that _____
 - a. promoted other countries
 - b. prospered other countries
 - c. pampered other countries
 - d. prompted other countries
- 7) laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes over _____
 - a. the coming years
 - b. the cramming years
 - c. the coming years
 - d. the coning years
- 8) the first country to require health warnings be put _____
 - a. on individuals cigarettes
 - b. on individually cigarettes
 - c. on individualistic cigarettes
 - d. on individual cigarettes
- 9) Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms over Mr _____
 - a. Luxon's abut-turn
 - b. Luxon's about-turn
 - c. Luxon's abet-turn
 - d. Luxon's around-turn
- 10) done by individuals or even communities. It takes good and brave _____
 - a. population-level palaces
 - b. population-level polices
 - c. population-level Polly sees
 - d. population-level policies

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

New Zealand's new conservative government (1) _____ groundbreaking plan to (2) _____ the country. Last year, New Zealand became the first country in the world to introduce legislation to (3) _____ sale of cigarettes. Then leader Jacinda Ardern introduced measures to phase out smoking by preventing new generations of young adults from purchasing cigarettes. The (4) _____ around the world as a bold move to improve the health of the nation. However, the new Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, has controversially done a (5) _____ Ms Ardern's plans. He said the ban was unaffordable and that the country needed the (6) _____ tobacco sales.

The radical smoking ban was (7) _____ that prompted other countries to reconsider their public health policies. The British government (8) _____ announcing laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes over the coming years. A spokesperson said the UK wants "(9) _____ generations". Canada has recently become the first country to require health warnings be (10) _____ cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms over Mr Luxon's about-turn. One group said: "(11) _____ on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done by individuals or even communities. It takes (12) _____ population-level policies."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

1. When did New Zealand first introduce the smoking ban?
2. Who did NZ's previous leader want to stop buying cigarettes?
3. What was the smoking ban hailed as?
4. What does the article say Christopher Luxon junked?
5. What did Christopher Luxon say his country needed?
6. What kind of decision does the article call the initial smoking ban?
7. Who followed suit and passed anti-smoking laws?
8. Where is Canada requiring health warnings?
9. Who is up in arms over the smoking ban U-turn?
10. What did a group say the tide should be turned against?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

- 1) When did New Zealand first introduce the smoking ban?
 - a) five years ago
 - b) three years ago
 - c) two years ago
 - d) last year
- 2) Who did NZ's previous leader want to stop buying cigarettes?
 - a) old people
 - b) new generations of young adults
 - c) people with respiratory problems
 - d) everyone
- 3) What was the smoking ban hailed as?
 - a) an important law
 - b) a historic decision
 - c) a brave move
 - d) a wonderful idea
- 4) What does the article say Christopher Luxon junked?
 - a) Jacinda Ardern's plans
 - b) tons of cigarettes
 - c) tax revenues
 - d) lighters and matches
- 5) What did Christopher Luxon say his country needed?
 - a) time
 - b) more vape flavours
 - c) tax revenues from tobacco sales
 - d) education
- 6) What kind of decision does the article call the initial smoking ban?
 - a) a misunderstood decision
 - b) a landmark decision
 - c) a troubling decision
 - d) a confused decision
- 7) Who followed suit and passed anti-smoking laws?
 - a) the conservative party
 - b) Australia
 - c) Canada
 - d) the British government
- 8) Where is Canada requiring health warnings?
 - a) on individual cigarettes
 - b) on cigarette packets
 - c) in schools
 - d) on bus stops
- 9) Who is up in arms over the smoking ban U-turn?
 - a) teenagers
 - b) younger generations
 - c) anti-smoking groups
 - d) the government
- 10) What did a group say the tide should be turned against?
 - a) the ocean
 - b) harmful products
 - c) vape machines
 - d) bans

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

Role A – Smoking

You think smoking is the worst bad habit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their bad habits aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): being late, procrastinating or being glued to screens.

Role B – Being Late

You think being late is the worst bad habit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their bad habits aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): smoking, procrastinating or being glued to screens.

Role C – Procrastinating

You think procrastinating is the worst bad habit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their bad habits aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): being late, smoking or being glued to screens.

Role D – Being Glued to Screens

You think being glued to screens is the worst bad habit. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their bad habits aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least bad of these (and why): being late, procrastinating or smoking.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.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">• groundbreaking• first• measures• hailed• however• tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• radical• suit• deliver• arms• tide• brave
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CIGARETTES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cigarettes 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.

CIGARETTES 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 'smoking'?
3. What do you think of smoking?
4. What do you think of the smell of cigarette smoke?
5. Should New Zealand have kept the ban in place?
6. Why do people smoke?
7. Where should smoking be banned?
8. Will smoking be a thing in 50 years from now?
9. What smoking laws are in place in your country?
10. Do countries need tax revenues from tobacco sales?

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CIGARETTES 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 'ban'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What damage does smoking do to people's health?
15. What should the legal age to smoke be?
16. Should health warnings be put on every cigarette sold?
17. When was the last time you were up in arms over something?
18. How can we stop young people from taking up smoking?
19. What advice do you have for a smoker who wants to quit?
20. What questions would you like to ask New Zealand's leader?

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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The radical smoking ban was a (7) _____ decision that prompted other countries to reconsider their public health policies. The British government followed (8) _____ by announcing laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes over the (9) _____ years. A spokesperson said the UK wants "to deliver smoke-free generations". Canada has recently become the first country to (10) _____ health warnings be put on individual cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are (11) _____ in arms over Mr Luxon's about-turn. One group said: "Turning the tide on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done by individuals or (12) _____ communities. It takes good and brave population-level policies."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) heartbreaking | (b) backbreaking | (c) groundbreaking | (d) lawbreaking |
| 2. | (a) phase | (b) stage | (c) signal | (d) pass |
| 3. | (a) by | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) hailed | (b) foiled | (c) bailed | (d) boiled |
| 5. | (a) jinxed | (b) junked | (c) dinked | (d) dunked |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) to | (c) for | (d) from |
| 7. | (a) birthmark | (b) watermark | (c) landmark | (d) trademark |
| 8. | (a) trumps | (b) outfit | (c) jacket | (d) suit |
| 9. | (a) coming | (b) keeping | (c) giving | (d) going |
| 10. | (a) necessary | (b) require | (c) needy | (d) expect |
| 11. | (a) down | (b) up | (c) over | (d) under |
| 12. | (a) ever | (b) so | (c) even | (d) such |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. introduce gnalsioelti to phase out the sale
2. new otinenegsar of young adults
3. The policy was elihda around the world
4. Luxon has ovlnolsitrcaery done a U-turn
5. He said the ban was bffdaeronlua
6. the country needed the tax eeusrvne

Paragraph 2

7. The aaclid smoking ban
8. a landmark decision that tmdppore other countries
9. ninuagocnn laws that will make it illegal
10. require health warnings be put on iuadniildv cigarettes
11. harmful products that are ecnhetrend in society
12. done by individuals or even nimteiumsoc

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () out the sale of cigarettes. Then leader Jacinda Ardern introduced measures to phase out smoking by
- () preventing new generations of young adults from purchasing cigarettes. The policy was hailed around the world
- () deliver smoke-free generations". Canada has recently become the first country to require health warnings be
- () health policies. The British government followed suit by announcing laws that will make it illegal
- () turn. One group said: "Turning the tide on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done
- () was unaffordable and that the country needed the tax revenues from tobacco sales.
- () put on individual cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms over Mr Luxon's about-
- () The radical smoking ban was a landmark decision that prompted other countries to reconsider their public
- () the country. Last year, New Zealand became the first country in the world to introduce legislation to phase
- () by individuals or even communities. It takes good and brave population-level policies."
- () controversially done a U-turn and junked Ms Ardern's plans. He said the ban
- (**1**) New Zealand's new conservative government has abandoned a groundbreaking plan to ban smoking in
- () for youngsters to buy cigarettes over the coming years. A spokesperson said the UK wants "to
- () as a bold move to improve the health of the nation. However, the new Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, has

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

1. smoking ban A to groundbreaking plan there .
2. phase to legislation out cigarette sales . Introduce
3. purchasing new cigarettes . Preventing adults of from generations
4. A to bold people's move improve health .
5. tobacco . country The from needed tax the revenues
6. decision . radical smoking a The ban landmark was
7. to prompted reconsider other That countries their policies .
8. by announcing British suit laws . The followed government
9. Require health on put be cigarettes . individual warnings
10. are in Anti-tobacco arms groups up this . over

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

New Zealand's *new / newly* conservative government has *abandoned / absconded* a groundbreaking plan to ban smoking in the country. Last year, New Zealand became the first country in the world to introduce legislation to *pass / phase* out the sale of cigarettes. Then leader Jacinda Ardern introduced measures to phase out smoking by *preventing / prevention* new generations of young adults from *purchased / purchasing* cigarettes. The policy was *hailed / foiled* around the world as a *bold / bald* move to improve the health of the nation. However, the new Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, has controversially done a U-turn and *junking / junked* Ms Ardern's plans. He said the ban was *affordable / unaffordable* and that the country needed the tax revenues *from / for* tobacco sales.

The *radical / radial* smoking ban was a landmark decision that *prompting / prompted* other countries to reconsider their public *health / healthy* policies. The British government followed suit by announcing laws that will make it illegal for *young'uns / youngsters* to buy cigarettes over the *coming / going* years. A spokesperson said the UK wants "to deliver smoke-free generations". Canada has *recent / recently* become the first country to require health warnings be put on *individual / individually* cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in *arms / legs* over Mr Luxon's about-turn. One group said: "Turning the *wave / tide* on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done by *individualistic / individuals* or even communities. It takes good and brave population-level policies."

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

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

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N_w Z__l_nd's n_w c_ns_rv_t_v_ g_v_rnm_nt h_s
_b_nd_n_d _ gr__ndbr__k_ng pl_n t_ b_n sm_k_ng _n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn.html>

new zealands new conservative government has abandoned a groundbreaking plan to ban smoking in the country last year new zealand became the first country in the world to introduce legislation to phase out the sale of cigarettes then leader jacinda ardern introduced measures to phase out smoking by preventing new generations of young adults from purchasing cigarettes the policy was hailed around the world as a bold move to improve the health of the nation however the new prime minister christopher luxon has controversially done a u-turn and junked ms arderns plans he said the ban was unaffordable and that the country needed the tax revenues from tobacco sales

the radical smoking ban was a landmark decision that prompted other countries to reconsider their public health policies the british government followed suit by announcing laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes over the coming years a spokesperson said the uk wants to deliver smokefree generations canada has recently become the first country to require health warnings be put on individual cigarettes antitobacco groups are up in arms over mr luxons aboutturn one group said turning the tide on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done by individuals or even communities it takes good and brave populationlevel policies

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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New Zealand's new conservative government has abandoned a ground-breaking plan to ban smoking in the country. Last year, New Zealand became the first country in the world to introduce legislation to phase out the sale of cigarettes. Then leader Jacinda Ardern introduced measures to phase out smoking by preventing new generations of young adults from purchasing cigarettes. The policy was hailed around the world as a bold move to improve the health of the nation. However, the new Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, has controversially done a U-turn and junked Ms Ardern's plans. He said the ban was unaffordable and that the country needed the tax revenues from tobacco sales. The radical smoking ban was a landmark decision that prompted other countries to reconsider their public health policies. The British government followed suit by announcing laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes over the coming years. As spokespeople said the UK wants "to deliver smoke-free generations". Canada has recently become the first country to require health warnings to be put on individual cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms over Mr Luxon's about-turn. One group said: "Turning the tide on harmful products that are entrenched in society cannot be done by individuals or even communities. It takes good and brave population-level policies."

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

4. BAN: Write a magazine article about banning cigarettes worldwide. 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 cigarettes. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on smoking. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. d	2. i	3. g	4. c	5. j
6. a	7. f	8. b	9. h	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Last year
- New generations of young adults
- A brave move
- Jacinda Ardern's plans
- Tax revenues from tobacco sales
- A landmark decision
- The British government
- On individual cigarettes
- Anti-smoking groups
- Harmful products

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- A groundbreaking plan to ban smoking there.
- Introduce legislation to phase out cigarette sales.
- Preventing new generations of adults from purchasing cigarettes.
- A bold move to improve people's health.
- The country needed the tax revenues from tobacco.
- The radical smoking ban was a landmark decision.
- That prompted other countries to reconsider their policies.
- The British government followed suit by announcing laws.
- Require health warnings be put on individual cigarettes.
- Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms over this.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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