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Level 4 – 4th December 2023

New Zealand U-turns on planned smoking ban

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn-4.html>

New Zealand has abandoned a pioneering plan to ban smoking. Last year, it became the first country to pass laws to phase out the sale of cigarettes. These would have prevented new generations of young adults from buying cigarettes. The policy was seen as a bold move to improve people's health. However, the new prime minister has done a U-turn and junked the plans. He said the ban was unaffordable because the country needed the tax revenues.

The landmark smoking ban prompted other countries to follow suit. The UK is making it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes. It wants "to deliver smoke-free generations". Canada is requiring health warnings on individual cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms over the U-turn. One group said: "Turning the tide on harmful products that are entrenched in society...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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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. abandoned a | a. generations |
| 2. it became the first country | b. done a U-turn |
| 3. phase out the sale | c. revenues |
| 4. These would have prevented new | d. to pass laws |
| 5. The policy was seen as | e. unaffordable |
| 6. the new prime minister has | f. a bold move |
| 7. He said the ban was | g. pioneering plan |
| 8. the country needed the tax | h. of cigarettes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The landmark | a. in society |
| 2. prompted other countries to follow | b. illegal |
| 3. The UK is making it | c. in arms |
| 4. health warnings on individual | d. policies |
| 5. Anti-tobacco groups are up | e. suit |
| 6. Turning the tide | f. cigarettes |
| 7. products that are entrenched | g. on harmful products |
| 8. brave population-level | h. smoking ban |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn-4.html>

New Zealand (1) _____ pioneering plan to ban smoking. Last year, it became the first country (2) _____ to phase out the sale of cigarettes. These (3) _____ new generations of young adults from buying cigarettes. The policy was seen as (4) _____ to improve people's health. However, the new prime minister has done a U-turn and (5) _____. He said the ban was unaffordable because the country needed (6) _____.

The landmark smoking (7) _____ countries to follow suit. The UK is making it (8) _____ to buy cigarettes. It (9) _____ "smoke-free generations". Canada is requiring health warnings on individual cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups (10) _____ arms over the U-turn. One group said: "Turning the tide on harmful products (11) _____ in society...takes good and brave (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CIGARETTES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn-4.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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn-4.html>

Write about **cigarettes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
