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Level 5 – 4th December 2023

New Zealand U-turns on planned smoking ban

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231204-smoking-ban-u-turn-5.html>

New Zealand has abandoned a groundbreaking plan to ban smoking. Last year, it became the first country in the world to introduce legislation to phase out the sale of cigarettes. The leader introduced measures to phase out smoking by preventing new generations of young adults from purchasing cigarettes. The policy was seen worldwide as a bold move to improve people's health. However, the new prime minister has controversially done a U-turn and junked the plans. He said the ban was unaffordable and that the country needed the tax revenues from cigarettes.

The smoking ban was a landmark decision that prompted other countries to follow suit. The UK announced laws that will make it illegal for youngsters to buy cigarettes. A spokesperson said the UK wants "to deliver smoke-free generations". Canada has become the first country to require 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 cannot be done by individuals or even communities. It takes good and brave population-level policies."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. New Zealand has abandoned a | a. of young adults |
| 2. introduce legislation to phase | b. unaffordable |
| 3. new generations | c. the plans |
| 4. The policy was seen worldwide | d. U-turn |
| 5. done a | e. revenues |
| 6. junked | f. groundbreaking plan |
| 7. He said the ban was | g. as a bold move |
| 8. the country needed the tax | h. out the sale |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The smoking ban was a | a. in arms |
| 2. prompted other countries to follow | b. for youngsters |
| 3. The UK announced | c. in society |
| 4. make it illegal | d. suit |
| 5. require health warnings on | e. tide |
| 6. Anti-tobacco groups are up | f. laws |
| 7. Turning the | g. landmark decision |
| 8. products that are entrenched | h. individual cigarettes |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New Zealand has abandoned a groundbreaking plan to ban smoking. Last year, it became the first country in the world to introduce legislation (1) _____ the sale of cigarettes. The leader introduced measures to phase out smoking (2) _____ generations of young adults from purchasing cigarettes. The (3) _____ worldwide as a bold move to improve people's health. However, the new prime minister has controversially (4) _____ and (5) _____. He said the ban was unaffordable and that the country needed the (6) _____ cigarettes.

The smoking ban was (7) _____ that prompted other countries to follow suit. The UK announced laws that will make (8) _____ youngsters to buy cigarettes. A spokesperson said the UK wants "to deliver smoke-free generations". Canada has become the first country (9) _____ warnings on individual cigarettes. Anti-tobacco groups are up in arms (10) _____. One group said: "Turning the tide on harmful products that are (11) _____ cannot be done by individuals or even communities. It takes good (12) _____ -level policies."

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

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