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Beijing introduces tough smoking ban

3rd June, 2015

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150603-smoking-5.html>

A tough new smoking ban was introduced in China's capital city Beijing on June the 1st. It coincides with World No Tobacco Day. The World Health Organization (WHO) welcomed it. The law bans smoking in all indoor public places, on public transport and in workplaces. Anyone who smokes in these places will get a big fine. Restaurants will have a big part to play in making sure the ban works. Restaurant owners will get a heavy fine if people smoke in their restaurants. The public is also being asked to report anyone who breaks the law and smokes in public.

A WHO spokesperson said: "We applauded Beijing for its strong and determined leadership in protecting the health of its people by making public places smoke-free. We are delighted to be formally recognising the Beijing Municipal Government." There are still hundreds of millions of smokers in China. The country is the world's biggest tobacco producer and has the most smokers. There are around 300 million smokers in China. This is almost the same size as the population of the USA. More than one million Chinese die each year from diseases caused by smoking.

Sources: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-05/31/c_134284971.htm
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150603-smoking-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. A tough new | a. ban works |
| 2. capital | b. transport |
| 3. on public | c. the law |
| 4. Restaurants will have a big part | d. owners |
| 5. making sure the | e. fine |
| 6. Restaurant | f. smoking ban |
| 7. owners will get a heavy | g. to play |
| 8. report anyone who breaks | h. city |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A WHO | a. millions |
| 2. strong and | b. health of its people |
| 3. protecting the | c. smokers in China |
| 4. smoke- | d. producer |
| 5. hundreds of | e. determined leadership |
| 6. the world's biggest tobacco | f. free |
| 7. There are around 300 million | g. by smoking |
| 8. diseases caused | h. spokesperson |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A tough new smoking ban (1) _____ China's capital city Beijing on June the 1st. (2) _____ World No Tobacco Day. The World Health Organization (WHO) welcomed it. The (3) _____ all indoor public places, on public transport and in workplaces. Anyone who smokes in these (4) _____ big fine. Restaurants will have (5) _____ play in making sure the ban works. Restaurant owners will get a heavy fine if people smoke in their restaurants. The public is also being (6) _____ anyone who breaks the law and smokes in public.

A WHO spokesperson said: "We applauded Beijing (7) _____ determined leadership in protecting the health of its people by making public (8) _____. We are delighted to be formally recognising the Beijing Municipal Government." There are still (9) _____ of smokers in China. The country is the world's biggest tobacco producer (10) _____ smokers. There are around 300 million smokers in China. This is almost (11) _____ population of the USA. More than one million Chinese die each year (12) _____ by smoking.

SMOKING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about smoking 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)

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)

FREE WRITING

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Write about **smoking** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
