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Level 4

Uruguay to legalise marijuana trade

14th December, 2013

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131214-marijuana-4.html>

Uruguay became the first country to legalise the production and distribution of marijuana. Now the government has total control of the growing and selling of marijuana (also called cannabis). Uruguay's president wants to stop drug traffickers and put them out of business. He hopes his laws and the government control of marijuana sales will reduce drug use and drug-related crime. He knows it is an experiment that might not be successful.

The new law goes against a 1961 international treaty on drug control. This limits the use of cannabis "to medical and scientific purposes". A treaty spokesman said he was surprised that Uruguay broke the agreement, which is supported internationally. He warned the law could backfire and have the opposite effect. Younger people might try drugs. There might be more addiction and other problems among Uruguay's young people.

Sources: <http://en.mercopress.com/2013/12/11/first-obstacle-for-uruguay-s-marijuana-bill-it-violates-international-convention-on-drug-control>
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MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131214-marijuana-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the production and distribution | a. related crime |
| 2. stop drug traffickers and put | b. of marijuana sales |
| 3. government control | c. not be successful |
| 4. reduce drug | d. of marijuana |
| 5. drug- | e. them out of business |
| 6. an experiment that might | f. use |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The new law goes against a 1961 | a. and scientific purposes |
| 2. drug | b. effect |
| 3. medical | c. international treaty |
| 4. He warned the law could | d. addiction |
| 5. have the opposite | e. backfire |
| 6. There might be more | f. control |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131214-marijuana-4.html>

Uruguay became the first (1) _____ the production and distribution of marijuana. Now the government (2) _____ the growing and selling of marijuana (also called cannabis). Uruguay's president wants to stop drug traffickers and (3) _____ business. (4) _____ and the government control of marijuana sales will reduce drug use and (5) _____. He knows it is an experiment that (6) _____.

The new law goes against a 1961 (7) _____ on drug control. This limits the use of cannabis "to (8) _____ purposes". A treaty spokesman (9) _____ that Uruguay broke the agreement, which is (10) _____. He warned the law could backfire and have (11) _____. Younger people might try drugs. There might (12) _____ and other problems among Uruguay's young people.

WAR ON DRUGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the War on Drugs 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)

