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Scientists tell WHO e-cigarettes are helpful

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

A group of scientists has written to the World Health Organisation (WHO) two days before World No Tobacco Day on May the 31st. The 53 scientists asked the WHO not to class e-cigarettes as a tobacco product. E-cigarettes are an aid to help people quit smoking. They do not have any tobacco inside them. Instead, they release a nicotine vapour that makes people feel like they are smoking. Many doctors say this is better for people's health than real cigarettes. The WHO wants countries to put e-cigarettes in the same category as real cigarettes. This means taxing them, banning advertising, introducing health warnings and stopping people from using them in public places.

The group of scientists told the WHO that e-cigarettes are helping to reduce disease and deaths from smoking. The scientists said e-cigarettes are a "low-risk product" that are "part of the solution" in the fight against smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products could be among the most significant health innovations of the 21st century, perhaps saving hundreds of millions of lives. The urge to control...them as tobacco products should be resisted." However, researchers from the University of Chicago say e-cigarettes could encourage young people to smoke. They said: "It's possible that seeing e-cigarette use may promote more smoking behavior and less quitting."

Sources: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/05/28/health-ecigarettes-idINL6N00D3ZE20140528>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-27547420>
<http://www.irishhealth.com/article.html?id=23680>

WARM-UPS

1. E-CIGARETTES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about e-cigarettes. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

scientists / WHO / tobacco / nicotine / smoking / advertising / health warnings / public / reduce disease / low-risk / solution / innovation / 21st century / researchers / quitting

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

3. QUIT SMOKING: How can we get more people to quit? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

| | Idea | Would it work? | Why / Why not? |
|-----------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| School | | | |
| Health warnings | | | |
| Tax | | | |
| TV / Internet | | | |
| Hospitals | | | |
| Bans | | | |

4. NO SMOKING: Students A **strongly** believe no one will smoke in the future; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. NO X DAY: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important day at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- No Tobacco Day
- No Arguing Day
- No Fast Food Day
- No Television Day
- No Shopping Day
- No Car Day
- No Stress Day
- No Staying At Home Day

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

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

- | | | |
|----|---|-------|
| a. | 53 scientists wrote to the WHO to say e-cigarettes help people. | T / F |
| b. | The scientists said e-cigarettes are not the same as real cigarettes. | T / F |
| c. | E-cigarettes do not make people feel like they are smoking. | T / F |
| d. | The WHO said it's OK for countries to tax e-cigarettes. | T / F |
| e. | E-cigarettes are not helping reduce disease and deaths from cigarettes. | T / F |
| f. | The scientists said e-cigarettes are a very innovative product. | T / F |
| g. | The scientists said e-cigarettes save thousands of lives. | T / F |
| h. | University of Chicago research said e-cigarettes stop people smoking. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|----|------------|
| 1. | asked | a. | important |
| 2. | class | b. | actual |
| 3. | aid | c. | encourage |
| 4. | real | d. | group |
| 5. | stopping | e. | lessen |
| 6. | reduce | f. | desire |
| 7. | solution | g. | requested |
| 8. | significant | h. | preventing |
| 9. | urge | i. | help |
| 10. | promote | j. | answer |

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

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. | A group | a. | risk product |
| 2. | E-cigarettes are an aid | b. | in public places |
| 3. | they release a | c. | warnings |
| 4. | health | d. | control them |
| 5. | stopping people from using them | e. | of scientists |
| 6. | a low- | f. | health innovations |
| 7. | among the most significant | g. | people to smoke |
| 8. | The urge to | h. | to help people quit |
| 9. | encourage young | i. | more smoking |
| 10. | e-cigarette use may promote | j. | nicotine vapour |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

A (1) _____ of scientists has written to the World Health Organisation (WHO) two days before World No Tobacco Day on May the 31st. The 53 scientists asked the WHO not to (2) _____ e-cigarettes as a tobacco product. E-cigarettes are an aid to help people quit smoking. They do not have any tobacco (3) _____ them. Instead, they (4) _____ a nicotine vapour that makes people feel like they are smoking. Many doctors say this is (5) _____ for people's health than real cigarettes. The WHO wants countries to put e-cigarettes in the same (6) _____ as real cigarettes. This means taxing them, banning (7) _____, introducing health warnings and stopping people from using them in (8) _____ places.

inside
advertising
public
group
better
class
release
category

The group of scientists told the WHO that e-cigarettes are helping to (9) _____ disease and deaths from smoking. The scientists said e-cigarettes are a "low-(10) _____ product" that are "part of the solution" in the (11) _____ against smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products could be among the most significant health (12) _____ of the 21st century, perhaps saving hundreds of millions of lives. The (13) _____ to control...them as tobacco products should be resisted." However, researchers from the University of Chicago say e-cigarettes could (14) _____ young people to smoke. They said: "It's possible that seeing e-cigarette (15) _____ may promote more smoking behavior and less (16) _____."

encourage
fight
use
innovations
reduce
quitting
risk
urge

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

- 1) The 53 scientists asked the WHO not to class e-cigarettes as _____
 - a. a tobacco product
 - b. a tobacco protect
 - c. a tobacco produce
 - d. a tobacco pro-duct
- 2) E-cigarettes are an aid to help people quit smoking. They do not have any _____
 - a. tobacco inside of them
 - b. tobacco inside them all
 - c. tobacco insider them
 - d. tobacco inside them
- 3) Instead, they release a _____
 - a. nicotine paper
 - b. nicotine vapour
 - c. nicotine barber
 - d. nicotine paver
- 4) The WHO wants countries to put e-cigarettes in _____
 - a. the sane category
 - b. the same category
 - c. the shame category
 - d. the sine category
- 5) stopping people from using them _____
 - a. in public place is
 - b. in public place
 - c. in public placed
 - d. in public places
- 6) e-cigarettes are helping to reduce disease and _____
 - a. deaths from smoking
 - b. deaths of smoking
 - c. deaths form smoking
 - d. deaths for smoking
- 7) The scientists said e-cigarettes are a " _____ "
 - a. low-risk product
 - b. low-frisk product
 - c. low-risks product
 - d. low-risky product
- 8) These products could be among the most significant _____
 - a. healthy innovations
 - b. health innovation
 - c. health innovations
 - d. healthy innovation
- 9) The urge to control...them as tobacco products _____
 - a. should be resistors
 - b. should be resist it
 - c. should be resisted
 - d. should be resist and
- 10) They said: "It's possible that seeing e-cigarette use may _____ "
 - a. promoted more smoking
 - b. promote more smoking
 - c. promotes more smoking
 - d. promotion more smoking

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A group of scientists has written to the World Health Organisation (WHO) two days before (1) _____ on May the 31st. The 53 scientists asked the (2) _____ e-cigarettes as a tobacco product. E-cigarettes are an aid to help people quit smoking. They do not have any tobacco inside them. (3) _____ a nicotine vapour that (4) _____ like they are smoking. Many doctors say this is better for people's health than real cigarettes. The WHO wants countries to put e-cigarettes in (5) _____ as real cigarettes. This means taxing them, banning advertising, introducing health warnings and stopping people (6) _____ in public places.

The group of scientists told the WHO that e-cigarettes (7) _____ disease and deaths from smoking. The scientists said e-cigarettes are a "(8) _____" that are "part of the solution" in the fight against smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products could be among the (9) _____ innovations of the 21st century, perhaps saving hundreds of millions of lives. The urge to control...them as tobacco products (10) _____." However, researchers from the University of Chicago say (11) _____ young people to smoke. They said: "It's possible that seeing e-cigarette use may promote more smoking (12) _____ quitting."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

1. How long before World No Tobacco Day did scientists write to the WHO?

2. How many scientists were in the group that wrote to the WHO?

3. What does the article is not in e-cigarettes?

4. What do e-cigarettes release?

5. Where might governments ban people from smoking e-cigarettes?

6. What did the scientists say is being reduced because of e-cigarettes?

7. What kind of product did the scientists say e-cigarettes were?

8. How many lives did the scientists say could be saved by e-cigarettes?

9. What did the University of Chicago say e-cigarettes encouraged?

10. What did Chicago University say there could be less of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

1. How long before World No Tobacco Day did scientists write to the WHO?
 - a) 2 months
 - b) 2 days
 - c) 2 years
 - d) 2 weeks
2. How many scientists were in the group that wrote to the WHO?
 - a) 50
 - b) 51
 - c) 52
 - d) 53
3. What does the article is not in e-cigarettes?
 - a) tobacco
 - b) drugs
 - c) nicotine
 - d) smoke
4. What do e-cigarettes release?
 - a) a night vapour
 - b) a dangerous vapour
 - c) a nicotine vapour
 - d) a caffeine vapour
5. Where might governments ban people from smoking e-cigarettes?
 - a) airports
 - b) public places
 - c) restaurants
 - d) hospitals
6. What did the scientists say is being reduced because of e-cigarettes?
 - a) the price of cigarettes
 - b) the cost of smoking
 - c) deaths and disease
 - d) the number of cigarettes
7. What kind of product did the scientists say e-cigarettes were?
 - a) revolutionary products
 - b) test products
 - c) unhealthy products
 - d) "low-risk" products
8. How many lives did the scientists say could be saved by e-cigarettes?
 - a) hundreds of millions
 - b) billions
 - c) 164,677,982
 - d) hundreds of billions
9. What did the University of Chicago say e-cigarettes encouraged?
 - a) young people to smoke
 - b) bad habits
 - c) e-alcohol
 - d) young people to quit smoking
10. What did Chicago University say there could be less of?
 - a) education
 - b) quitting smoking
 - c) money
 - d) lung cancer

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

Role A – No Tobacco Day

You think No Tobacco Day is the most important day. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their days aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): No Arguing Day, No Television Day or No Shopping Day.

Role B – No Arguing Day

You think No Arguing Day is the most important day. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their days aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): No Tobacco Day, No Television Day or No Shopping Day.

Role C – No Television Day

You think No Television Day is the most important day. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their days aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): No Arguing Day, No Tobacco Day or No Shopping Day.

Role D – No Shopping Day

You think No Shopping Day is the most important day. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their days aren't so important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): No Arguing Day, No Television Day or No Tobacco Day.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'quit' and 'smoking'.

| quit | smoking |
|------|---------|
| | |

- 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">• group• class• inside• better• countries• public | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reduce• solution• among• 21• control• less |
|--|---|

E-CIGARETTES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

Write five GOOD questions about e-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.

E-CIGARETTES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'cigarette'?
- c) What do you think of smoking?
- d) Why do people smoke?
- e) What are the good things about e-cigarettes?
- f) Should e-cigarettes be in the same category as cigarettes?
- g) How harmful are cigarettes?
- h) What do you think of people smoking e-cigarettes in public places?
- i) Do you think the WHO should listen to the 53 scientists? Why?
- j) Why is it difficult to quit smoking?

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E-CIGARETTES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about e-cigarettes?
- c) What are the bad things about e-cigarettes?
- d) Should governments give smokers e-cigarettes?
- e) What would the world be like without cigarettes?
- f) Do you think e-cigarettes are "significant health innovations"?
- g) What do you think of the University of Chicago research?
- h) What is the best way to help people stop smoking?
- i) Should governments ban cigarettes?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the WHO?

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 group of scientists told the WHO that e-cigarettes are (7) _____ to reduce disease and deaths from smoking. The scientists said e-cigarettes are a "low-risk product" that are "part of the solution" in the fight (8) _____ smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products could be among the most significant health innovations of the 21st century, perhaps (9) _____ hundreds of millions of lives. The urge to control...them as tobacco products should (10) _____ resisted." However, researchers from the University of Chicago say e-cigarettes could (11) _____ young people to smoke. They said: "It's possible that seeing e-cigarette use may promote more smoking behavior and less (12) _____."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) written | (b) writing | (c) wrote | (d) write |
| 2. | (a) category | (b) style | (c) class | (d) index |
| 3. | (a) add | (b) invaluable | (c) addition | (d) aid |
| 4. | (a) let go | (b) release | (c) set free | (d) free |
| 5. | (a) similarity | (b) sameness | (c) similar | (d) same |
| 6. | (a) useless | (b) useful | (c) using | (d) usage |
| 7. | (a) helped | (b) helping | (c) helpful | (d) helps |
| 8. | (a) against | (b) for | (c) with | (d) from |
| 9. | (a) saving | (b) saves | (c) saved | (d) saviour |
| 10. | (a) have | (b) need | (c) be | (d) do |
| 11. | (a) engage | (b) enrage | (c) entourage | (d) encourage |
| 12. | (a) quilting | (b) quitting | (c) quieting | (d) quoting |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A group of sitsiensct
2. a tocacob product
3. they leeear a nicotine vapour
4. in the same otegycra
5. banning atnvsgirdei
6. health ingawrsn

Paragraph 2

7. helping to reduce ssdiaee
8. part of the uioonlts
9. among the most aiinftigcsn
10. health insioatnvno
11. aerrsrceeh from the University of Chicago
12. uneeagrco young people to smoke

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () before World No Tobacco Day on May the 31st. The 53 scientists asked the WHO not to class e-cigarettes
- (**1**) A group of scientists has written to the World Health Organisation (WHO) two days
- () countries to put e-cigarettes in the same category as real cigarettes. This means taxing them, banning
- () smoke. They said: "It's possible that seeing e-cigarette use may promote more smoking behavior and less quitting."
- () solution" in the fight against smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products could be
- () are smoking. Many doctors say this is better for people's health than real cigarettes. The WHO wants
- () millions of lives. The urge to control...them as tobacco products should be resisted." However, researchers
- () among the most significant health innovations of the 21st century, perhaps saving hundreds of
- () The group of scientists told the WHO that e-cigarettes are helping to reduce disease and deaths
- () inside them. Instead, they release a nicotine vapour that makes people feel like they
- () from the University of Chicago say e-cigarettes could encourage young people to
- () advertising, introducing health warnings and stopping people from using them in public places.
- () as a tobacco product. E-cigarettes are an aid to help people quit smoking. They do not have any tobacco
- () from smoking. The scientists said e-cigarettes are a "low-risk product" that are "part of the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. an are E-cigarettes - smoking quit people help to aid.

2. not them have any They tobacco do inside.

3. this for say better health doctors is people's Many.

4. same category Countries to put e-cigarettes in the.

5. places using them Stopping in people public from.

6. helping to - reduce E-cigarettes disease are.

7. product risk - low A solution the of part are that.

8. significant innovations Among most health the.

9. people E-cigarettes young smoke - encourage to could.

10. and behavior smoking more Promote quitting less.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140531-e-cigarettes.html>

A *group / troupe* of scientists have written to the World Health Organisation (WHO) two days before World No Tobacco Day on May the 31st. The 53 scientists asked the WHO not to *make / class* e-cigarettes as a tobacco product. E-cigarettes are an *aid / help* to help people quit smoking. They do not have any tobacco inside *there / them*. Instead, they release *the / a* nicotine vapour that makes people feel like they are *smoked / smoking*. Many doctors say this is better for people's *healthy / health* than real cigarettes. The WHO wants countries to put e-cigarettes in the same *category / categorise* as real cigarettes. This means *taxed / taxing* them, banning advertising, introducing health warnings and stopping people from using them in public *places / place*.

The group of scientists *told / tells* the WHO that e-cigarettes are helping to reduce disease and *dies / deaths* from smoking. The scientists said e-cigarettes are a "low-risk *product / produce*" that are "part of the solution" in the fight *for / against* smoking, not part of the problem. They wrote: "These products could be among the most *significantly / significant* health innovations of the 21st century, perhaps *saved / saving* hundreds of millions of lives. The *urge / purge* to control...them as tobacco products should be *resisted / rested*." However, researchers from the University of Chicago say e-cigarettes could encourage young people *for / to* smoke. They said: "It's possible that seeing e-cigarette use may promote more smoking behavior and *less / fewer* quitting."

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

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

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_ gr__ p _f sc__ nt_sts h_v_ wr_tt_n t_ th_ W_rld H__lth
_rg_n_s_t__n (WH_) tw_ d_ys b_f_r_ W_rld N_ T_b_cc_
D_y _n M_y th_ 31st. Th_ 53 sc__ nt_sts _sk_d th_ WH_
n_t t_ cl_ss _-c_g_r_tt_s _s _ t_b_cc_ pr_d_ct. _-
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Th_y d_n_t h_v_ _ny t_b_cc_ _ns_d th_m. _nst_d,
th_y r_l__s_ _n_c_t_n_ v_p__r th_t m_k_s p__pl_
f__l_l_k_ th_y _r_ sm_k_ng. M_ny d_ct_rs s_y th_s _s
b_tt_r f_r p__pl_'s h__lth th_n r__l c_g_r_tt_s. Th_
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b_nn_ng _dv_rt_s_ng, _ntr_d_c_ng h__lth w_rn_ngs
_nd st_pp_ng p__pl_ fr_m _s_ng th_m _n p_bl_c
pl_c_s.

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sm_k_ng. Th_ sc__ nt_sts s__d _-c_g_r_tt_s _r_ _ "l_w-
r_sk pr_d_ct" th_t _r_ "p_rt_f th_s_l_t__n" _n th_
f_ght _g__nst sm_k_ng, n_t p_rt_f th_ pr_bl_m. Th_y
wr_t: "Th_s_ pr_d_cts c__ld b_ _m_ng th_ m_st
s_gn_f_c_nt h__lth _nn_v_t__ns _f th_ 21st c_nt_ry,
p_rh_ps s_v_ng h_ndr_ds _f m_ll__ns _f l_v_s. Th_
rg t_ c_ntr_l...th_m _s t_b_cc_ pr_d_cts sh__ld b_
r_s_st_d." H_w_v_r, r_s__rch_rs fr_m th_ _n_v_rs_ty
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **e-cigarettes** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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 e-cigarettes. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SOLUTION: Write a magazine article about e-cigarettes being a solution and not a problem. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 e-cigarettes. Ask him/her three questions about e-cigarettes. Give him/her three of your ideas on how people can stop smoking. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b T c F d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. asked | a. requested |
| 2. class | b. group |
| 3. aid | c. help |
| 4. real | d. actual |
| 5. stopping | e. preventing |
| 6. reduce | f. lessen |
| 7. solution | g. answer |
| 8. significant | h. important |
| 9. urge | i. desire |
| 10. promote | j. encourage |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Two days
2. 53
3. Tobacco
4. Nicotine vapour
5. Public places
6. Deaths and disease
7. A "low-risk" product
8. Hundreds of millions
9. Young people to smoke
10. Quitting smoking

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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