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Man fined \$560 for farting at police

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

A man in Austria has been fined for a very unusual act. His "crime" was "farting loudly in front of police officers". The unnamed man was sitting on a bench in Austria's capital Vienna. The Vienna Police Department tweeted earlier this week about the man's actions. It described what happened after police officers approached the man. It wrote: "He rose slightly from the park bench, looked at the officers, and apparently intentionally released a massive fart in the immediate vicinity of the officers." The police immediately gave the man a fine. The offence was for "violating public decency by loudly blowing a bowel in front of police officers". It was also for making, "an unduly disturbing noise".

The fine issued to the man is for 500 euro – about \$560. If the man does not pay the fine within five days, he could go to prison for five days. The Austrian police have defended their actions and say the officers were right to issue the fine. A spokesperson said the man had been doing other annoying things before he farted. The police officers who issued the fine said the man was misbehaving. They said that he had been behaving in a way that would upset other people. The spokesperson said the man only had one thing on his mind when he stood up in front of police officers, and that was to fart at them. The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal wind apparently with full intent".

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WARM-UPS

1. FARTING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about farting. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

unusual / crime / farting / capital / police / officers / park / bench / fine / noise / five days / prison / actions / annoying / misbehaving / spokesperson / mind / wind

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

3. CRIME: Students A **strongly** believe farting in public should be a crime; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PUBLIC DECENCY: How bad is it to do these things in public? What should the police do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Bad?	What The Police Should Do
Farting		
Kissing		
Spitting		
Not wearing a top		
Eating smelly food		
Nose blowing		

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

6. FINES: Rank these with your partner. Put the things that most deserve a fine at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- farting in public
- littering
- speeding
- public anger
- swearing in public
- not returning library books
- idling car engines
- drinking alcohol in public

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. crime | a. Went near or nearer to someone or something. |
| 2. bench | b. Got up; stood up. |
| 3. capital | c. An action that is against the law. |
| 4. approached | d. Behavior that everyone thinks is good and normal. |
| 5. rose | e. A long seat for three or more people, usually made of wood or stone. |
| 6. massive | f. The main city of a country, usually where the government is. |
| 7. decency | g. Very, very, very big. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. issued | h. An aim or purpose. |
| 9. prison | i. Gave. |
| 10. annoying | j. A building in which people have to stay because they committed a crime. |
| 11. misbehaving | k. The part of us that makes us aware of the world and makes us feel and think. |
| 12. mind | l. Acting badly or in a bad way. |
| 13. apparently | m. Causing people to get a little angry. |
| 14. intent | n. As far as one knows or can see. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

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

- a. The article said a man was fined for doing something unusual. **T / F**
- b. A man farted at police officers after getting off a park bench. **T / F**
- c. The police officers were from the Austrian city of Salzburg. **T / F**
- d. Police officers said the man was fined for making a disturbing noise. **T / F**
- e. The man could go to prison if he does not pay the fine. **T / F**
- f. Many police officers said it was wrong to fine the man. **T / F**
- g. A police officer said the man was behaving well before he farted. **T / F**
- h. Police officers said the man farted by accident. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. unusual | a. irritating |
| 2. approached | b. worrying |
| 3. apparently | c. gave |
| 4. violating | d. huge |
| 5. disturbing | e. moved toward |
| 6. issued | f. brain |
| 7. annoying | g. strange |
| 8. behaving | h. breaching |
| 9. mind | i. acting |
| 10. massive | j. seemingly |

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

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. fined for a very | a. the man a fine |
| 2. what happened after police officers | b. front of police officers |
| 3. The police immediately gave | c. disturbing noise |
| 4. The offence was for violating public | d. is for 500 euro |
| 5. making an unduly | e. to issue the fine |
| 6. The fine issued to the man | f. decency |
| 7. he could go to | g. misbehaving |
| 8. the officers were right | h. unusual act |
| 9. the man was | i. prison for five days |
| 10. he stood up in | j. approached the man |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

A man in Austria has been fined for a very (1) _____ act. His "crime" was "farting loudly in front of police officers". The unnamed man was sitting on a (2) _____ in Austria's capital Vienna. The Vienna Police Department tweeted (3) _____ this week about the man's actions. It (4) _____ what happened after police officers approached the man. It wrote: "He rose (5) _____ from the park bench, looked at the officers, and apparently intentionally released a (6) _____ fart in the immediate vicinity of the officers." The police immediately gave the man a fine. The offence was for "violating (7) _____ decency by loudly blowing a bowel in front of police officers". It was also for making, "an unduly disturbing (8) _____".

bench
slightly
noise
unusual
public
described
earlier
massive

The fine issued to the man is for 500 euro – about \$560. If the man does not (9) _____ the fine within five days, he could go to prison for five days. The Austrian police have (10) _____ their actions and say the officers were (11) _____ to issue the fine. A spokesperson said the man had been doing other (12) _____ things before he farted. The police officers who issued the fine said the man was misbehaving. They said that he had been behaving in a (13) _____ that would (14) _____ other people. The spokesperson said the man only had one thing on his (15) _____ when he stood up in front of police officers, and that was to fart at (16) _____. The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal wind apparently with full intent".

defended
mind
annoying
upset
pay
them
right
way

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

- 1) A man in Austria has been fined for a _____
 - a. very unusual acting
 - b. very unusual acted
 - c. very unusual act
 - d. very unusual acts
- 2) The unnamed man was sitting on a bench in Austria's _____
 - a. cap it all Vienna
 - b. capital Vienna
 - c. cap it tall Vienna
 - d. cap italic Vienna
- 3) It described what happened after police officers _____
 - a. approaches the man
 - b. approach it the man
 - c. approaching the man
 - d. approached the man
- 4) apparently intentionally released a massive fart in the immediate _____ officers
 - a. vicinity of the
 - b. salinity of the
 - c. paternity of the
 - d. biscuit tin of the
- 5) It was also for making, "an unduly _____"
 - a. disturb ping noise
 - b. disturb bin noise
 - c. disturb in noise
 - d. disturbing noise
- 6) If the man does not pay the fine within five days, he could _____
 - a. go to prism
 - b. go to prison
 - c. go to prize on
 - d. go to present
- 7) police have defended their actions and say the officers were right to _____
 - a. tissue the fine
 - b. fissure the fine
 - c. issue the fine
 - d. wish you the fine
- 8) They said that he had been behaving in a way that would _____
 - a. upsets other people
 - b. upset another people
 - c. upset other people
 - d. upset others people
- 9) The spokesperson said the man only had one thing _____
 - a. in his mind
 - b. on his mind
 - c. of his mind
 - d. off his mind
- 10) The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal wind apparently _____"
 - a. with fully on tent
 - b. with full on tent
 - c. with full in tent
 - d. with full intent

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The fine issued to the man is for 500 euro – about \$560. If the man does not pay (7) _____ five days, he could go to prison for five days. The Austrian police have (8) _____ and say the officers were right to issue the fine. A spokesperson said the man had been doing (9) _____ before he farted. The police officers who issued the fine said the man was misbehaving. They said that he had been behaving (10) _____ that would upset other people. The spokesperson said the man only had one thing on his mind when he stood (11) _____ of police officers, and that was to fart at them. The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal wind apparently (12) _____".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

1. What is the name of the man who was given a fine for farting?
2. What was the man sitting on before he was fined?
3. What police department were the police officers from?
4. What public thing did the police say the man violated?
5. What "unduly disturbing" thing did the police say the man made?
6. For how long could the man be imprisoned for not paying the fine?
7. What did the police officers defend?
8. Who did the police say the man could have upset?
9. How many things did the police say the man had on his mind?
10. What kind of intestinal wind did the police say the man let go?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

- 1) What is the name of the man who was given a fine for farting?
 - a) Bob
 - b) the article didn't say
 - c) Farty
 - d) Engelbert
- 2) What was the man sitting on before he was fined?
 - a) his bicycle
 - b) a wall
 - c) the grass
 - d) a park bench
- 3) What police department were the police officers from?
 - a) the Vienna Police Department
 - b) the Anti-Farting Squad
 - c) the Public Order Department
 - d) Interpol
- 4) What public thing did the police say the man violated?
 - a) police officers' noses
 - b) a park bench
 - c) decency
 - d) fresh air
- 5) What "unduly disturbing" thing did the police say the man made?
 - a) a crime
 - b) a noise
 - c) a smell
 - d) a danger
- 6) For how long could the man be imprisoned for not paying the fine?
 - a) 5 days
 - b) 5 weeks
 - c) 5 months
 - d) 5 years
- 7) What did the police officers defend?
 - a) the man
 - b) a park
 - c) their actions
 - d) the fresh air
- 8) Who did the police say the man could have upset?
 - a) the public
 - b) small children
 - c) birds
 - d) more police officers
- 9) How many things did the police say the man had on his mind?
 - a) one
 - b) two
 - c) many
 - d) countless things
- 10) What kind of intestinal wind did the police say the man let go?
 - a) smelly
 - b) stomach-based
 - c) hurricane force
 - d) massive

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

Role A – Farting

You think farting in public is the thing deserves the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not deserve a fine. Also, tell the others which one of these should not be subject to a fine (and why): littering, swearing or showing anger.

Role B – Littering

You think littering is the thing deserves the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not deserve a fine. Also, tell the others which one of these should not be subject to a fine (and why): farting, swearing or showing anger.

Role C – Swearing

You think swearing in public is the thing deserves the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not deserve a fine. Also, tell the others which one of these should not be subject to a fine (and why): littering, farting or showing anger.

Role D – Showing Anger

You think showing anger in public is the thing deserves the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things do not deserve a fine. Also, tell the others which one of these should not be subject to a fine (and why): littering, swearing or farting.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

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

farting	fine
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- 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">• unusual• earlier• happened• released• gave• noise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• about• five• annoying• way• mind• wind
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FARTING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

Write five GOOD questions about farting 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.

FARTING DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'farting'?
3. What do you think of the police fining the man?
4. What do you think of farting?
5. Why do people fart?
6. What do people in your country think about farting?
7. Do you think farting in public should be a crime?
8. Why do many people say they never fart?
9. What kind of food makes people fart?
10. Have you ever embarrassed yourself by farting?

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FARTING DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'fine'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the do's and don'ts of farting?
15. How do you feel when people fart in front of you?
16. Should scientists create medicine to stop people farting?
17. What do you think of the word 'fart'?
18. Why does the body make us fart?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask the man who was fined?

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

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The fine (7) _____ to the man is for 500 euro – about \$560. If the man does not pay the fine (8) _____ five days, he could go to prison for five days. The Austrian police have defended their actions and say the officers were right to issue the fine. A spokesperson said the man had been doing other (9) _____ things before he farted. The police officers who issued the fine said the man was misbehaving. They said that he had been behaving (10) _____ a way that would upset other people. The spokesperson said the man only had one thing on his mind when he stood (11) _____ in front of police officers, and that was to fart (12) _____ them. The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal wind apparently with full intent".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) act | (b) active | (c) actor | (d) acted |
| 2. | (a) loud | (b) loudest | (c) loudly | (d) louder |
| 3. | (a) description | (b) descriptive | (c) described | (d) describes |
| 4. | (a) lotus | (b) carnation | (c) tulip | (d) rose |
| 5. | (a) blown | (b) blew | (c) blowing | (d) blows |
| 6. | (a) noisy | (b) noise | (c) nosy | (d) nose |
| 7. | (a) sued | (b) issued | (c) shooed | (d) shoed |
| 8. | (a) wither | (b) within | (c) without | (d) with |
| 9. | (a) annoyance | (b) annoy | (c) annoying | (d) annoys |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 11. | (a) in | (b) down | (c) on | (d) up |
| 12. | (a) up | (b) of | (c) via | (d) at |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

Paragraph 1

1. fined for a very Inausuu act
2. farting loudly in front of police ieforcsf
3. sitting on a bench in Austria's tailpca Vienna
4. police cpherpadao the man
5. released a msasvei fart
6. making an unduly rutbisdnngi noise

Paragraph 2

7. The fine diseus to the man
8. he could go to nrsoip for five days
9. doing other nngoainy things
10. the man was siaevgnmhib
11. The spseroskopne said the man only...
12. papenyrtal with full intent

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The fine issued to the man is for 500 euro – about \$560. If the man does not pay
- () was misbehaving. They said that he had been behaving in a way that would upset
- () the fine within five days, he could go to prison for five days. The Austrian police have defended their
- () happened after police officers approached the man. It wrote: "He rose slightly from the park
- () loudly in front of police officers". The unnamed man was sitting on a bench in Austria's
- (**1**) A man in Austria has been fined for a very unusual act. His "crime" was "farting
- () and that was to fart at them. The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal wind apparently with full intent".
- () other people. The spokesperson said the man only had one thing on his mind when he stood up in front of police officers,
- () doing other annoying things before he farted. The police officers who issued the fine said the man
- () capital Vienna. The Vienna Police Department tweeted earlier this week about the man's actions. It described what
- () bench, looked at the officers, and apparently intentionally released a massive fart in the immediate vicinity
- () of the officers." The police immediately gave the man a fine. The offence was for "violating public decency by loudly
- () blowing a bowel in front of police officers". It was also for making, "an unduly disturbing noise".
- () actions and say the officers were right to issue the fine. A spokesperson said the man had been

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

1. front in His was farting crime of police .
2. man sitting unnamed was bench . on a The
3. police after man? the approached officers What happened
4. He bench . from rose the slightly park
5. the a The fine . immediately police man gave
6. the man fine . If not does pay the
7. to the fine . issue The right were officers
8. been man The other things . had annoying doing
9. upset people . would in a that Behaving way
10. one his thing man The mind . on had

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

A man in Austria has been fined for a very *unusually / unusual* act. His "crime" was "farting loudly *in / on* front of police officers". The unnamed man was sitting on a bench in Austria's *capitalist / capital* Vienna. The Vienna Police Department tweeted *earlier / faster* this week about the man's actions. It described what happened after police officers approached the man. It wrote: "He *rose / rise* slightly from the park bench, looked at the officers, and apparently *intention / intentionally* released a massive fart in the immediate *vacancy / vicinity* of the officers." The police immediately gave the man a fine. The *offence / offensive* was for "violating public decency by loudly blowing a *bubble / bowel* in front of police officers". It was also for making, "an unduly disturbing *noise / noisy*".

The fine issued *at / to* the man is for 500 euro – about \$560. If the man does not *pay / paid* the fine within five days, he could go to *imprison / prison* for five days. The Austrian police have defended their actions and say the officers were right *to / for* issue the fine. A spokesperson said the man had been doing other annoying things *before / then* he farted. The police officers who issued the fine said the man *was / did* misbehaving. They said that he had been behaving *in / on* a way that would upset other people. The spokesperson said the man only had one thing on *this / his* mind when he stood up in front of police officers, and that was to fart *to / at* them. The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal *wind / breeze* apparently with full intent".

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)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

A m_n _n A_s t_r__ h_s b__ n f_n_d f_r _ v_r y
_n_s__ l _c_t. H_s "c_r_m_" w_s "f_r_t_n_g l__ d l
y _n f_r_n_t _f p_l_c_ _f f_c_r s". Th_ _n n_m_d
m_n w_s s_t_t_n_g _n _ b_n_c_h _n A_s t_r__ 's
c_p_t_l V__ n_n_. Th_ V__ n_n_ P_l_c_ D_p_r_t_m_n_t
t_w__ t_d __ r_l__ r th_s w__ k _b__ t th_ m_n's
_c_t__ n_s. It d_s_c_r_b_d w_h_t h_p_p_n_d _f_t_r
p_l_c_ _f f_c_r s _p_p_r__ c_h_d th_ m_n. It w_r_t_:
"H_ r_s_ s_l_g_h_t_l_y f_r_m th_ p_r_k b_n_c_h, l__
k_d _t th_ _f f_c_r s, _n_d _p_p_r_n_t_l_y _n_t_n_t__
n_l_l_y r_l__ s_d _m_s_s_v_ f_r_t _n th_ _m_m_d__ t_
v_c_n_t_y _f th_ _f f_c_r s." Th_ p_l_c_ _m_m_d__
t_l_y g_v_ th_ m_n _f_n_. Th_ _f f_n_c_ w_s f_r
"v__ l_t_n_g p_b_l_c d_c_n_c_y b_y l__ d_l_y b_l_w_n
g _ b_w_l _n f_r_n_t _f p_l_c_ _f f_c_r s". It w_s
_l_s_ f_r m_k_n_g, "_n _n_d_l_y d_s_t_r_b_n_g n__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200620-farting.html>

a man in austria has been fined for a very unusual act his crime was farting loudly in front of police officers the unnamed man was sitting on a bench in austria's capital vienna the vienna police department tweeted earlier this week about the man's actions it described what happened after police officers approached the man it wrote he rose slightly from the park bench looked at the officers and apparently intentionally released a massive fart in the immediate vicinity of the officers the police immediately gave the man a fine the offence was for violating public decency by loudly blowing a bowel in front of police officers it was also for making an unduly disturbing noise the fine issued to the man is for 500 euro about 560 if the man does not pay the fine within five days he could go to prison for five days the australian police have defended their actions and say the officers were right to issue the fine a spokesperson said the man had been doing other annoying things before he farted the police officers who issued the fine said the man was misbehaving they said that he had been behaving in a way that would upset other people the spokesperson said the man only had one thing on his mind when he stood up in front of police officers and that was to fart at them the officers said he let go a massive intestinal wind apparently with full intent

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A man in Austria has been fined for a very unusual act. His "crime" was "farting loudly in front of police officers". The unnamed man was sitting on a bench in Austria's capital Vienna. The Vienna Police Department tweeted earlier this week about the man's actions. It described what happened after police officers approached the man. It wrote: "He rose slightly from the park bench, looked at the officers, and apparently intentionally released a massive fart in the immediate vicinity of the officers." The police immediately gave the man a fine. The offence was for "violating public decency by loudly blowing a bowel in front of police officers". It was also for making, "a loudly disturbing noise". The fine issued to the man is for 500 euro – about \$560. If the man does not pay the fine within five days, he could go to prison for five days. The Austrian police have defended their actions and say the officers were right to issue the fine. A spokesperson said the man had been doing other annoying things before he farted. The police officers who issued the fine said the man was misbehaving. They said that he had been behaving in a way that would upset other people. The spokesperson said the man only had one thing on his mind when he stood up in front of police officers, and that was to fart at them. The officers said he, "let go a massive intestinal wind apparently with full intent".

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FARTING: Make a poster about farting. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CRIMINAL ACT: Write a magazine article about farting in public should be a criminal act. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 farting. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on farting in public. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. g 7. d
8. i 9. j 10. m 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. j	4. h	5. b
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. f	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. He was unnamed
2. A park bench
3. The Vienna Police Department
4. Decency
5. A noise
6. Five days
7. Their actions
8. The public
9. One
10. Massive

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. His crime was farting in front of police.
2. The unnamed man was sitting on a bench.
3. What happened after police officers approached the man?
4. He rose slightly from the park bench.
5. The police immediately gave the man a fine.
6. If the man does not pay the fine.
7. The officers were right to issue the fine.
8. The man had been doing other annoying things.
9. Behaving in a way that would upset people.
10. The man had one thing on his mind.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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