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Level 1 – 3rd July 2025

France bans smoking for tobacco-free generation

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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France has banned smoking in public places. France's health minister said: "These are places to play, learn, and breathe; not for smoking." She added that children have a right to breathe clean air. People who smoke in parks and on beaches will now be breaking the law. The ban will protect children from passive smoking, which is breathing in smoke from other people who are smoking. France wants a tobacco-free generation by 2032.

Smoking is falling in France. However, passive smoking still kills 5,000 people a year. Most French people support a smoking ban, even in restaurants. Smoking is a leading cause of disease and death. It can damage nearly every organ of the body. Cigarette smoke harms children's developing bodies. When children breathe in second-hand smoke, they can have breathing problems. It can damage their lungs.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. France has banned smoking in | a. passive smoking |
| 2. France's health | b. to play |
| 3. These are places | c. public places |
| 4. children have a right to breathe | d. the law |
| 5. breaking | e. by 2032 |
| 6. protect children from | f. in smoke |
| 7. breathing | g. minister |
| 8. a tobacco-free generation | h. clean air |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Smoking is | a. hand smoke |
| 2. smoking still kills | b. cause of disease |
| 3. French people support | c. lungs |
| 4. Smoking is a leading | d. a smoking ban |
| 5. It can damage nearly every | e. falling in France |
| 6. children breathe in second- | f. organ of the body |
| 7. they can have breathing | g. 5,000 people a year |
| 8. It can damage their | h. problems |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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France has banned (1) _____ places. France's health minister said: "These (2) _____ play, learn, and breathe; (3) _____." She added that children have a right to (4) _____. People who smoke in parks and on beaches will now be breaking the law. The ban will protect children (5) _____, which is breathing in smoke from other people who are smoking. France wants a tobacco-free (6) _____.

Smoking (7) _____ France. However, passive (8) _____ 5,000 people a year. Most French people support a smoking ban, (9) _____. Smoking is a leading (10) _____ and death. It can damage nearly (11) _____ the body. Cigarette smoke harms children's developing bodies. When children breathe in second-hand smoke, they can have breathing problems. It can (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SMOKING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250703-tobacco-free-generation-4.html>

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) _____

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

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