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Level 2 – 3rd July 2025

France bans smoking for tobacco-free generation

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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France has banned smoking in public places. Smokers who light up a cigarette in places like parks and beaches will be breaking the law. The smoking ban will protect children from passive smoking. This is breathing in smoke from other people who are smoking. France wants a tobacco-free generation by 2032. France's minister of health said smoking must "disappear" from public places. She said: "These are places to play, learn, and breathe; not for smoking." She added: "The freedom to smoke stops where the right of children to breathe clean air begins."

Smoking is falling in France. However, passive smoking still kills 5,000 people a year. Most French people support a smoking ban. They want bans at cafes and restaurants, but these places are not included in the new ban. Smoking is a leading cause of preventable disease and death. It can damage nearly every organ of the body. Smoking near children is dangerous because their bodies are still developing. When children breathe in second-hand smoke, they can develop breathing problems. It can damage their lungs. The new ban will allow children to grow up to be healthier.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. France has banned smoking | a. of health |
| 2. Smokers who light | b. the law |
| 3. breaking | c. clean air |
| 4. protect children from passive | d. to smoke |
| 5. breathing in | e. in public places |
| 6. France's minister | f. smoking |
| 7. The freedom | g. up a cigarette |
| 8. the right of children to breathe | h. smoke |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Most French people support | a. developing |
| 2. these places are not included | b. their lungs |
| 3. Smoking is a leading cause of | c. in the new ban |
| 4. damage nearly every | d. up to be healthier |
| 5. their bodies are still | e. a smoking ban |
| 6. children breathe in second- | f. organ of the body |
| 7. It can damage | g. hand smoke |
| 8. children to grow | h. preventable disease |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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France has banned smoking in public places. Smokers (1) _____ a cigarette in places like parks and beaches will be (2) _____. The smoking ban will protect children from passive smoking. This (3) _____ smoke from other people who are smoking. France wants a tobacco-free generation by 2032. France's (4) _____ said smoking must "disappear" from public places. She said: "These are (5) _____, learn, and breathe; not for smoking." She added: "The freedom to smoke stops where the right of children to breathe (6) _____."

Smoking (7) _____ France. However, passive smoking still kills 5,000 people a year. Most French (8) _____ smoking ban. They want bans at cafes and restaurants, but these places are (9) _____ the new ban. Smoking is a leading cause of preventable (10) _____. It can damage nearly every organ of the body. Smoking near children is dangerous because their bodies are still developing. When children breathe in (11) _____, they can develop breathing problems. It can (12) _____. The new ban will allow children to grow up to be healthier.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

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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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