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## **40-a-day smoking baby shocks Indonesia**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Ardi's story is part of a worrying trend in Indonesia. Government statistics reveal 25 per cent of Indonesian kids aged between 3 and 15 have smoked and that over 3 per cent are regular smokers. Indonesia is the world's third largest smoking nation. Cigarettes are everywhere and smoking is still seen as a socially acceptable practice. Health Minister Endang Sedyaningsih said preventing youngsters from smoking would be very difficult because people believe smoking is a good thing. She said tobacco companies are well liked because they sponsor many things from education to sporting and public events. She added: "This is the challenge we face in protecting youth from the dangers of smoking."

# WARM-UPS

**1. CIGARETTES:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about cigarettes. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) 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.

*images / toddlers / smoking / addicted / nicotine / nasty habits / throwing tantrums / worrying trends / statistics / smokers / tobacco companies / sponsors / challenges*

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

**3. ADDICTIONS:** Do you have any? Complete this table. Show your partner what you wrote. Change partners and share what you heard.

Addicted to...	Yes / A little / No	Wanna stop?	How to stop?
nicotine			
television / gaming			
alcohol			
chocolate			
shopping			
the Internet			
shopping			
love			

**4. QUIT IT:** Students A **strongly** believe no one will smoke in 50 years; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. CIGARETTES ARE...:** Complete the sentence using a choice below? Rank the words and share your rankings with your partner. Put the word you most agree with at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- socially acceptable
- OK
- killers
- an individual's choice
- good moneymakers
- stress relievers

**6. SMOKING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'smoking'. 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/1005/100529-cigarettes.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. A 2-year-old in Indonesia smokes 2 packs of cigarettes a day.        | T / F |
| b. There is a video of the child smoking on YouTube.                    | T / F |
| c. The toddler's father hates his son smoking.                          | T / F |
| d. The little boy gets really angry if he can't have a cigarette.       | T / F |
| e. A survey shows 3% of Indonesian 3-year-olds smoke regularly.         | T / F |
| f. Indonesia is the world's third largest consumer of cigarettes.       | T / F |
| g. Smoking in Indonesia is largely seen as being anti-social behaviour. | T / F |
| h. Indonesians generally have a good impression of tobacco companies.   | T / F |

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

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. toddler     | a. show           |
| 2. addicted to | b. leisurely      |
| 3. casually    | c. back           |
| 4. habit       | d. disturbing     |
| 5. tantrums    | e. youngsters     |
| 6. worrying    | f. fits of temper |
| 7. reveal      | g. infant         |
| 8. seen        | h. custom         |
| 9. sponsor     | i. viewed         |
| 10. youth      | j. hooked on      |

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

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Images of a two-year-old            | a. hooked                 |
| 2. addicted                            | b. largest smoking nation |
| 3. casually puffing                    | c. tantrums               |
| 4. Now he's totally                    | d. to nicotine            |
| 5. he throws                           | e. 3 and 15 have smoked   |
| 6. part of a worrying                  | f. in protecting youth    |
| 7. 25% of Indonesian kids aged between | g. toddler smoking        |
| 8. the world's third                   | h. acceptable practice    |
| 9. smoking is still seen as a socially | i. trend                  |
| 10. the challenge we face              | j. away on a cigarette    |

# WHILE READING / LISTENING

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**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Images of a two-year-old \_\_\_\_\_ smoking cigarettes have shocked people in Indonesia. The little boy, Ardi Rizal from Sumatra, is \_\_\_\_\_ to nicotine and smokes 40 cigarettes a day. Videos of Ardi casually \_\_\_\_\_ away on a cigarette emerged this week on YouTube. The footage, now \_\_\_\_\_, shows him smoking like a true pro. His father, Mohammed Rizal, thinks there's no problem with his son's \_\_\_\_\_ habit. He told reporters that his child looked healthy and that was the only thing that was important. He went on to \_\_\_\_\_ how Ardi took up smoking when he was 18 months old. That was when he gave his son his first cigarette. Now he's totally \_\_\_\_\_; he throws tantrums if his father does not \_\_\_\_\_ him smoke.

*nasty*  
*addicted*  
*hooked*  
*let*  
*removed*  
*toddler*  
*explain*  
*puffing*

Ardi's story is part of a worrying \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia. Government statistics \_\_\_\_\_ 25 per cent of Indonesian kids aged between 3 and 15 have smoked and that over 3 per cent are \_\_\_\_\_ smokers. Indonesia is the world's third largest smoking nation. Cigarettes are everywhere and smoking is still seen as a socially acceptable \_\_\_\_\_. Health Minister Endang Sedyaningsih said \_\_\_\_\_ youngsters from smoking would be very difficult because people believe smoking is a good thing. She said tobacco companies are well liked because they \_\_\_\_\_ many things from education to sporting and public \_\_\_\_\_. She added: "This is the challenge we face in protecting \_\_\_\_\_ from the dangers of smoking."

*regular*  
*preventing*  
*reveal*  
*events*  
*practice*  
*youth*  
*trend*  
*sponsor*

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Ardi's story is part \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia. Government \_\_\_\_\_ cent of Indonesian kids aged between 3 and 15 have smoked and that over 3 per cent are regular smokers. Indonesia is the world's third largest smoking nation. Cigarettes are everywhere and smoking is still seen as a \_\_\_\_\_. Health Minister Endang Sedyaningsih said \_\_\_\_\_ from smoking would be very difficult because people believe smoking is a good thing. She said tobacco companies are well liked because \_\_\_\_\_ things from education to sporting and public events. She added: "This is the challenge we face in protecting \_\_\_\_\_ of smoking."

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1005/100529-cigarettes.html>

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

cigarette	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"><li>• images</li><li>• casually</li><li>• pro</li><li>• nasty</li><li>• 18</li><li>• throws</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25</li><li>• third</li><li>• seen</li><li>• difficult</li><li>• sponsor</li><li>• face</li></ul>
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# STUDENT CIGARETTES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1005/100529-cigarettes.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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.



# 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 people who smoke?
- d) What do you think of toddlers who smoke?
- e) What do you think of parents who let their toddlers / children smoke?
- f) Do you have any addictions?
- g) Why are addictions hard to break? Do you have experience of kicking a habit?
- h) Should Ardi's father be punished?
- i) Should Ardi be taken away from his parents and put in care?
- j) What three adjectives describe this story, and why?

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# CIGARETTES DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What does your government do to stop people smoking?
- c) What's your history with cigarettes?
- d) Do you think there'll be a day when no one smokes?
- e) Why is it so many people still smoke? This is the 21<sup>st</sup> century!
- f) How can Indonesia's government stop people smoking?
- g) Do tobacco companies have too much power?
- h) How do you think a tobacco company executive feels knowing his/her company makes so many people ill (or kills them)?
- i) Do smokers get too much of a hard time from those who don't smoke?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Mohammed Rizal?

# LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Ardi's story is part of a worrying (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia. Government statistics reveal 25 per cent of Indonesian kids aged between 3 and 15 have smoked and that over 3 per cent are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ smokers. Indonesia is the world's third largest smoking nation. Cigarettes are everywhere and smoking is still (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as a socially (10) \_\_\_\_\_ practice. Health Minister Endang Sedyaningsih said preventing youngsters from smoking would be very difficult because people believe smoking is a good thing. She said tobacco companies are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ liked because they sponsor many things from education to sporting and public events. She added: "This is the challenge we face in protecting youth (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the dangers of smoking."

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

- |     |               |                |                 |                |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) smoker    | (b) smokes     | (c) smoked      | (d) smoking    |
| 2.  | (a) on        | (b) to         | (c) at          | (d) of         |
| 3.  | (a) on        | (b) to         | (c) at          | (d) of         |
| 4.  | (a) habitual  | (b) habitually | (c) habit       | (d) habitat    |
| 5.  | (a) did       | (b) smoked     | (c) took        | (d) gave       |
| 6.  | (a) catches   | (b) throws     | (c) tosses      | (d) hurls      |
| 7.  | (a) trend     | (b) trendy     | (c) trendsetter | (d) trendily   |
| 8.  | (a) regularly | (b) regulation | (c) regulars    | (d) regular    |
| 9.  | (a) looked    | (b) seen       | (c) watched     | (d) views      |
| 10. | (a) accepts   | (b) acceptance | (c) accept      | (d) acceptable |
| 11. | (a) good      | (b) goodly     | (c) well        | (d) better     |
| 12. | (a) from      | (b) at         | (c) with        | (d) into       |

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# 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 smoking toddlers. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. SMOKING KILLS:** Write a magazine article about the dangers of smoking. Include imaginary interviews with the CEO of a tobacco company and a doctor who treats lung cancer patients who smoke.

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. LETTER:** Write a letter to the boss of a tobacco company. Ask him/her three questions about cigarettes. Give him/her three of your opinions on tobacco company advertising. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE:

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

## SYNONYM MATCH:

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## PHRASE MATCH:

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| 6. part of a worrying                  | f. trend                  |
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## GAP FILL:

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## LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d    2 - b    3 - a    4 - c    5 - c    6 - b    7 - a    8 - d    9 - b    10 - d    11 - c    12 - a