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U.S. town bans small bottles of water

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THE ARTICLE

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The U.S. town of Concord in Massachusetts state has banned stores from selling water in bottles that are smaller than one litre. Stores who sell the water will have to pay a \$50 fine. The new law is the result of a three-year campaign by local resident Jean Hill. Ms Hill first told people about the idea at a meeting in 2010. She wants people to drink more tap water and use fewer plastic bottles, which she says end up littering streets, rivers and the countryside. She said: "Bottled water is bad for the environment, our health, and our public water systems. Concord's decision to go bottled-water free is a great example of how communities can promote our most essential public service: the tap."

Many people are unhappy with the new law, which started on New Year's Day. The bottled water industry said small bottles are very important for people's health. It said banning small bottles would mean people will drink more small bottles of cola and other soft drinks. Shops can still sell small bottles of other kinds of drinks. Local stores and restaurants say they will lose customers as people will simply drive to nearby towns to buy small bottles of water. One local resident said the new law is dangerous to her health. Ann Davidson, 82, said tap water is bad for her health so she has to buy water, but 1.5 litre bottles are too heavy for her. People buy 50 billion small bottles of water each year in the USA.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-20895902>
<http://bostonglobe.com/metro/2012/12/30/with-new-year-concord-braces-for-ban-single-serving-water-bottles/tgdOyAtGApWkwgJmgJq61H/story.html>

WARM-UPS

1. BOTTLED WATER: Walk around the class and talk to other students about bottled water. 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.

banned / selling water / \$50 fine / campaign / local resident / plastic bottles / essential / unhappy / industry / local stores / soft drinks / bad for our health / too heavy

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

3. ENVIRONMENT: Are these things a problem for the environment? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Disposal problems	How we could change/recycle them
Plastic bottles		
Plastic bags		
Car tires (tyres)		
Batteries		
Light bulbs		
TVs		

4. TAP WATER: Students A **strongly** believe we should drink more tap water and not buy water in plastic bottles; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. PLASTIC: Which of these plastic things should be banned? Rank them and share your rankings with your partner(s) often. Put the one that should be banned first at the top.

- plastic bottles
- disposable cups
- supermarket bags
- garden furniture
- microwave packaging
- toothbrushes
- CD boxes
- shower curtains

6. BOTTLE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'bottle'. 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/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

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

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. A town in the USA has banned all bottled water from stores. | T / F |
| b. Stores that sell small bottles of water will have to pay a \$50 fine. | T / F |
| c. A campaigner wants more people to drink tap water. | T / F |
| d. The campaigner said bottled water isn't good for the environment. | T / F |
| e. Very few people are unhappy with the new law. | T / F |
| f. Local stores and restaurants think the small-water-bottle ban is good. | T / F |
| g. An elderly lady said tap water wasn't good for her health. | T / F |
| h. Over 500 million small bottles of water are sold in the USA every year. | T / F |

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

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. banned | a. neighbouring |
| 2. fine | b. important |
| 3. littering | c. annually |
| 4. promote | d. put an end to |
| 5. essential | e. business |
| 6. industry | f. citizen |
| 7. drinks | g. penalty |
| 8. nearby | h. encourage |
| 9. resident | i. beverages |
| 10. each year | j. making a mess of |

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

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. water in bottles that are | a. more tap water |
| 2. Stores who sell the water will have to | b. law is dangerous |
| 3. She wants people to drink | c. pay a \$50 fine |
| 4. Bottled water is bad | d. with the new law |
| 5. promote our most essential | e. lose customers |
| 6. Many people are unhappy | f. smaller than one litre |
| 7. colas and other | g. are too heavy |
| 8. restaurants say they will | h. public service |
| 9. One local resident said the new | i. soft drinks |
| 10. 1.5 litre bottles | j. for the environment |

GAP FILL

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The U.S. town of Concord in Massachusetts state has (1) _____ stores from selling water in bottles that are smaller than one litre. Stores who sell the water will have to pay a \$50 (2) _____. The new law is the result of a three-year campaign by (3) _____ resident Jean Hill. Ms Hill first told people about the idea at a (4) _____ in 2010. She wants people to drink more tap water and use (5) _____ plastic bottles, which she says end up (6) _____ streets, rivers and the countryside. She said: "Bottled water is bad for the environment, our health, and our public water systems. Concord's (7) _____ to go bottled-water free is a great example of how communities can promote our most (8) _____ public service: the tap."

meeting

decision

fine

littering

essential

banned

local

fewer

Many people are unhappy with the new (9) _____, which started on New Year's Day. The bottled water (10) _____ said small bottles are very important for people's health. It said banning small bottles would mean people will drink more small bottles of cola and other (11) _____ drinks. Shops can still sell small bottles of other kinds of drinks. Local stores and restaurants say they will (12) _____ customers as people will simply drive to (13) _____ towns to buy small bottles of water. One local resident said the new law is (14) _____ to her health. Ann Davidson, 82, said tap water is bad for her health so she has to buy water, but 1.5 litre bottles are too (15) _____ for her. People buy 50 (16) _____ small bottles of water each year in the USA.

nearby

billion

industry

lose

law

heavy

soft

dangerous

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

- 1) banned stores from selling water in bottles that are _____
 - a. smaller than one litre
 - b. bigger than one litre
 - c. about one litre
 - d. smaller than two litres
- 2) Stores who sell the water will have to _____
 - a. pay a \$50 fine.
 - b. pay a \$500 fine.
 - c. pay a \$250 fine.
 - d. pay a \$25 fine.
- 3) She wants people to drink more tap water and use _____
 - a. few plastic bottles
 - b. fewer plastic bottles
 - c. fewest plastic bottles
 - d. fewer glass bottles
- 4) Bottled water is bad for the environment, our health, and our _____
 - a. public water system.
 - b. public watering system.
 - c. public watery systems.
 - d. public water systems.
- 5) a great example of how communities can promote our most _____
 - a. essential private service
 - b. essential public services
 - c. important public service
 - d. essential public service
- 6) The bottled water industry said small bottles are very _____
 - a. importance for people's health.
 - b. important from people's health.
 - c. important for people's health.
 - d. important for people's healthy.
- 7) people will drink more small bottles of colas _____
 - a. and other softly drinks
 - b. and other hard drinks
 - c. and other soft drinks
 - d. and other soft drink
- 8) Local stores and restaurants say they will lose customers as people will simply _____
 - a. drive to nearby towns
 - b. walk to nearby towns
 - c. drive to new buy towns
 - d. driving to nearby towns
- 9) One local resident said the new law is _____
 - a. dangerous to her health
 - b. dangerous too her health
 - c. dangerous for her health
 - d. dangerous to her healthy
- 10) People buy 50 billion small bottles of water _____
 - a. each year in the US.
 - b. each year in America.
 - c. each year in the USA.
 - d. each year in the States.

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

The U.S. town of Concord in Massachusetts state (1) _____ selling water in bottles that are smaller than one litre. Stores who sell the water will have (2) _____. The new law is the result of a three-year campaign by local resident Jean Hill. Ms Hill first told people (3) _____ meeting in 2010. She wants people to drink more tap water and use fewer plastic bottles, (4) _____ littering streets, rivers and the countryside. She said: "Bottled water is bad for the environment, our health, and our (5) _____. Concord's decision to go bottled-water free is a great example of how communities can promote (6) _____ service: the tap."

Many people are (7) _____ law, which started on New Year's Day. The bottled water industry said small bottles are very important for people's health. It said banning small bottles (8) _____ drink more small bottles of cola and other soft drinks. Shops can still sell small bottles (9) _____ drinks. Local stores and restaurants say they will lose customers as people will simply (10) _____ to buy small bottles of water. One local resident said the new law is dangerous to her health. Ann Davidson, 82, (11) _____ for her health so she has to buy water, but 1.5 litre bottles are too heavy for her. People (12) _____ bottles of water each year in the USA.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

1. How big are the banned bottles of water?

2. What kind of fine will stores have to pay for selling the banned water?

3. When did Jean Hill first mention banning small water bottles?

4. What did Jean Hill say plastic bottles do to the environment?

5. What did Ms Hill say was the most essential public service?

6. When was the start of the new law?

7. What will people drink instead of water?

8. Where will people drive to buy small bottles of water?

9. What is Ann Davidson's problem with 1.5 litre bottles of water?

10. How many small bottles of water do Americans buy every year?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

1. What is the smallest size of water bottles stores in Concord can sell?
 - a) 750 ml
 - b) one litre
 - c) 500 ml
 - d) 1.5 litres
2. What will happen to stores who sell banned water bottles?
 - a) They have to close down
 - b) They are fine
 - c) They have to pay \$50
 - d) Nothing
3. How long did Jean Hill campaign to ban small water bottles?
 - a) a lifetime
 - b) since a new bottle factory opened
 - c) 3 months
 - d) 3 years
4. Where did Ms Hill say plastic bottles end up?
 - a) in stores
 - b) in streets and rivers
 - c) in recycling plants
 - d) in landfills
5. What did Ms Hill say was the most essential public service?
 - a) the tap
 - b) police
 - c) schools
 - d) rubbish/garbage collection
6. When did the new law start?
 - a) New Year's Day
 - b) New Year's Eve
 - c) January 2nd
 - d) January 3rd
7. What would people drink more of instead if water?
 - a) nothing
 - b) coffee and tea
 - c) orange juice
 - d) cola and soft drinks
8. Where would people go to buy small bottles of water?
 - a) New York
 - b) Boston, Massachusetts
 - c) nearby towns
 - d) the nearest city
9. Why doesn't Ann Davidson like 1.5 litre water bottles?
 - a) They aren't tasty
 - b) They're bad for her health
 - c) She can't drink 1.5 litres of water
 - d) They're too heavy
10. How many small bottles of water are sold in the US each year?
 - a) 500 million
 - b) 50 billion
 - c) 500 billion
 - d) 50, 250, 832, 988

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Environmentalist

You think the idea of banning small plastic bottles of water is great. Tell the others three reasons why. You think bottled water is a crazy idea when healthy water is free from the tap. Bottled water is expensive and we don't need it. The plastic bottles are very bad for the environment.

Role B – Bottled water company boss

You are shocked at the new law banning small water bottles. Tell the others three reasons why. Water is essential for people's health. Banning small bottles will mean people will drink cola, and that's unhealthy. You totally disagree with everything the environmentalist says.

Role C – Local store owner

Banning small water bottles is terrible news for your business. You will lose a lot of money. There are other ways to help the environment. Tell the others three things people can do. Tell the city leader (s)he must end the law that bans small water bottles or your business will finish.

Role D – City leader

You think the idea of banning small plastic bottles of water is great. Tell the others three reasons why. You think it is time for people to take action and help the environment. People should fill up their own bottles with tap water. Local stores must find other ways to make money.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

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

water	bottle
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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">• state• 50• 2010• fewer• bad• public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• unhappy• soft• drive• dangerous• heavy• billion
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BOTTLED WATER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about bottled water 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.

BOTTLED WATER 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 'water'?
- c) What do you think of bottled water?
- d) Is bottled water pretty much the same as tap water?
- e) What do you think of the banning of small bottles of water?
- f) Are plastic bottles a problem in your town?
- g) Should we all buy fewer things in plastic bottles?
- h) We rarely bought bottled water 50 years ago. Why do we buy so much today? Is it clever marketing by water companies?
- i) Would your life change much if all bottled water was banned?
- j) Is the tap (faucet) our most essential public service?

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BOTTLED WATER DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you understand why people are unhappy with the new law?
- c) Will the new law mean people get unhealthier because they will buy cola instead of water?
- d) Are the water companies interested in our health or their profits?
- e) Is the new law unfair on small shops and restaurants?
- f) Why ban water in one town when people can buy it in nearby towns?
- g) Could you drink only water and no other drinks?
- h) Should there be a system where some people can buy small bottles?
- i) How important is water to you?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Jean Hill?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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The U.S. town of Concord in Massachusetts state has (1) _____ stores from selling water in bottles that are smaller than one litre. Stores who sell the water will have to pay a \$50 (2) _____. The new law is the result of a three-year campaign (3) _____ local resident Jean Hill. Ms Hill first told people about the idea at a meeting in 2010. She wants people to drink more tap water and use (4) _____ plastic bottles, which she says end up (5) _____ streets, rivers and the countryside. She said: "Bottled water is bad for the environment, our health, and our public water systems. Concord's decision to go bottled-water free is a great example of how communities can promote our most (6) _____ public service: the tap."

Many people are unhappy (7) _____ the new law, which started on New Year's Day. The bottled water industry said small bottles are very important for people's health. It said banning small bottles would mean people will drink more small bottles of cola and other (8) _____ drinks. Shops can still sell small bottles of other kinds of drinks. Local stores and restaurants say they will (9) _____ customers as people will (10) _____ drive to nearby towns to buy small bottles of water. One (11) _____ resident said the new law is dangerous to her health. Ann Davidson, 82, said tap water is bad for her (12) _____ so she has to buy water, but 1.5 litre bottles are too heavy for her. People buy 50 billion small bottles of water each year in the USA.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) banned | (b) burned | (c) binned | (d) bind |
| 2. | (a) well | (b) good | (c) fine | (d) OK |
| 3. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) by | (d) who |
| 4. | (a) more | (b) smaller | (c) less | (d) fewer |
| 5. | (a) littering | (b) litters | (c) littered | (d) litter |
| 6. | (a) potential | (b) essential | (c) palatial | (d) initial |
| 7. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) by | (d) with |
| 8. | (a) hard | (b) soft | (c) fur | (d) velvet |
| 9. | (a) pay | (b) hate | (c) lose | (d) spend |
| 10. | (a) easy | (b) simply | (c) clear | (d) sample |
| 11. | (a) locally | (b) locals | (c) localized | (d) local |
| 12. | (a) healthy | (b) health | (c) hearth | (d) heath |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the result of a three-year gmpacnai
2. local erstdnei Jean Hill
3. streets, rivers and the syucitndroe
4. Bottled water is bad for the tmevnnieron
5. Concord's cionieds
6. our most isatneels public service

Paragraph 2

7. The bottled water tyirdsnu
8. very rpointmta
9. Local stores and utrsnraaste
10. lose csurstome
11. ugseronad to her health
12. 50 bilnilo small bottles

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) The U.S. town of Concord in Massachusetts state has banned stores from selling water in bottles that
- () up littering streets, rivers and the countryside. She said: "Bottled water is bad
- () buy water, but 1.5 litre bottles are too heavy for her. People buy 50 billion small bottles of water each year in the USA.
- () Many people are unhappy with the new law, which started on New Year's Day. The bottled water
- () drive to nearby towns to buy small bottles of water. One local resident said the new law is dangerous to her
- () kinds of drinks. Local stores and restaurants say they will lose customers as people will simply
- () for the environment, our health, and our public water systems. Concord's decision to go bottled-water
- () at a meeting in 2010. She wants people to drink more tap water and use fewer plastic bottles, which she says end
- () health. Ann Davidson, 82, said tap water is bad for her health so she has to
- () industry said small bottles are very important for people's health. It said banning small bottles would
- () are smaller than one litre. Stores who sell the water will have to pay a \$50 fine. The new
- () free is a great example of how communities can promote our most essential public service: the tap."
- () law is the result of a three-year campaign by local resident Jean Hill. Ms Hill first told people about the idea
- () mean people will drink more small bottles of colas and other soft drinks. Shops can still sell small bottles of other

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. water selling from stores Banned bottles in.

2. who \$50 will Stores a water pay the fine to sell have.

3. three result law - of is The year a the new campaign.

4. drink She more wants tap people water to.

5. service our most Communities essential can public promote.

6. with Many the people new are law unhappy.

7. people's are health very important Small for bottles.

8. other Sell kinds small of bottles drinks of.

9. People towns nearby to drive simply will.

10. heavy for her 1.5 litre bottles are too.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

The U.S. town of Concord in Massachusetts state has *binned* / *banned* stores from selling water in bottles that are smaller than one litre. Stores who sell the water will have to pay a \$50 *fine* / *final*. The new law is the result of a three-year *campaigner* / *campaign* by local *resident* / *residence* Jean Hill. Ms Hill first *said* / *told* people about the idea at a meeting in 2010. She wants people to drink more *tap* / *top* water and use fewer plastic bottles, which she says end up *littering* / *lettering* streets, rivers and the countryside. She said: "Bottled / Bottle water is bad for the environment, our health, and our public water systems. Concord's *decide* / *decision* to go bottled-water free is a great example of how communities can promote our most *essentially* / *essential* public service: the tap."

Many people are unhappy *from* / *with* the new law, which started on New Year's Day. The bottled *water* / *watery* industry said small bottles are very *importance* / *important* for people's health. It said *banning* / *banned* small bottles would mean people will drink more small bottles of cola and other *softy* / *soft* drinks. Shops can still sell small bottles of other kinds of drinks. Local stores and restaurants say they will *find* / *lose* customers as people will simply drive to *nearly* / *nearby* towns to buy small bottles of water. One *local* / *locally* resident said the new law is dangerous to her health. Ann Davidson, 82, said tap water is bad for her health so she has to buy water, but 1.5 litre bottles are *too* / *far* heavy for her. People buy 50 billion small bottles of water *each* / *all* year in the USA.

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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Th_ _ .S. t_wn _f C_nc_rd _n M_ss_ch_s_tts st_t_ h_s
b_nn_d st_r_s fr_m s_ll_ng w_t_r _n b_ttl_s th_t _r_
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h__lth, _nd __r p_bl_c w_t_r syst_ms. C_nc_rd's
d_c_s__n t_g_b_ttl_d-w_t_r fr__ _s _gr__t _xmpl_
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s_ft dr_nks. Sh_ps c_n st_ll s_ll sm_ll b_ttl_s _f th_r
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1301/130104-bottled_water.html

the us town of concord in massachusetts state has banned stores from selling water in bottles that are smaller than one litre stores who sell the water will have to pay a \$50 fine the new law is the result of a three-year campaign by local resident jean hill ms hill first told people about the idea at a meeting in 2010 she wants people to drink more tap water and use fewer plastic bottles which she says end up littering streets rivers and the countryside she said "bottled water is bad for the environment our health and our public water systems concord's decision to go bottled-water free is a great example of how communities can promote our most essential public service the tap"

many people are unhappy with the new law which started on new year's day the bottled water industry said small bottles are very important for people's health it said banning small bottles would mean people will drink more small bottles of cola and other soft drinks shops can still sell small bottles of other kinds of drinks local stores and restaurants say they will lose customers as people will simply drive to nearby towns to buy small bottles of water one local resident said the new law is dangerous to her health ann davidson 82 said tap water is bad for her health so she has to buy water but 15 litre bottles are too heavy for her people buy 50 billion small bottles of water each year in the usa

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The U.S. town of Concord in Massachusetts state has banned stores from selling water in bottles that are smaller than one litre. Stores who sell the water will have to pay a \$50 fine. The new law is the result of a three-year campaign by local resident Jean Hill. Ms Hill first told people about the idea at a meeting in 2010. She wants people to drink more tap water and use fewer plastic bottles, which she says end up littering streets, rivers and the countryside. She said: "Bottled water is bad for the environment, our health, and our public water systems. Concord's decision to go bottled-water free is a great example of how communities can promote our most essential public service: the tap." Many people are unhappy with the new law, which started on New Year's Day. The bottled water industry said small bottles are very important for people's health. It said banning small bottles would mean people will drink more small bottles of cola and other soft drinks. Shops can still sell small bottles of other kinds of drinks. Local stores and restaurants say they will lose customers as people will simply drive to nearby towns to buy small bottles of water. One local resident said the new law is dangerous to her health. Ann Davidson, 82, said tap water is bad for her health so she has to buy water, but 1.5 litre bottles are too heavy for her. People buy 50 billion small bottles of water each year in the USA.

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 bottled water. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BOTTLED WATER: Make a poster about bottled water and recycling. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. WATER BAN: Write a magazine article about the water ban in Concord. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. banned | a. put an end to |
| 2. fine | b. penalty |
| 3. littering | c. making a mess of |
| 4. promote | d. encourage |
| 5. essential | e. important |
| 6. industry | f. business |
| 7. drinks | g. beverages |
| 8. nearby | h. neighbouring |
| 9. resident | i. citizen |
| 10. each year | j. annually |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Smaller than one litre
2. \$50
3. 2010
4. Litter it
5. The tap
6. New Year's Day
7. Cola and other soft drinks
8. Nearby towns
9. They are too heavy
10. 50 billion

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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