

## UK to ban smoking in cars with kids

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Britain will soon ban smoking in cars with children.

Britain's government wants to reduce the harm cigarette smoke does to children. New laws

will cut the chances of children passive smoking. This is when someone breathes in the smoke from a cigarette. Many studies say passive smoking can almost be as harmful as actually smoking a cigarette. The British government said it looked at research that found children who sat in smoke-filled cars had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem is particularly bad in cars because there is so little space, so the car fills with smoke very quickly. The new law will make it illegal for anyone to smoke in a car that has a child in it.

Not everyone agrees with the new law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the freedom for people to smoke in their own car. They believe people should be able to smoke in their car because there are so many public places where smoking is not allowed. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make the ban wider in the future, so no one could smoke in a car. However, Britain's health minister said the health of children was more important than the freedom to smoke. He told reporters: "The liberty to smoke in your car in front of a child doesn't seem to me that important and protecting a child's health does seem to me to be incredibly important."

Sources: BBC / Reuters / Independent

### Writing

*Smoking should be banned everywhere.* Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*ban smoking / harm / cigarettes / smoke / passive smoking / research / space / illegal / lawmakers / freedom / public places / the future / health minister / important*

### True / False

- A ban on smoking in a car with children began last week in the UK. T / F
- The UK government wants to reduce the harm passive smoking does. T / F
- The article says passive smoking is worse than really smoking. T / F
- It will be illegal in Britain to smoke in a car in which there is a child. T / F
- Everyone in Britain agrees with the new in-car smoking ban. T / F
- There are many public places in Britain where you cannot smoke. T / F
- The article says a few lawmakers want a total ban on smoking in cars. T / F
- Britain's health minister said child health was most important. T / F

### Synonym Match

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. ban          | a. especially    |
| 2. harm         | b. permitted     |
| 3. harmful      | c. removes       |
| 4. particularly | d. dangerous     |
| 5. law          | e. looking after |
| 6. takes away   | f. prohibit      |
| 7. allowed      | g. broader       |
| 8. wider        | h. damage        |
| 9. protecting   | i. appears to be |
| 10. seems       | j. legislation   |

### Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of smoking?
- Why do people smoke?
- Should people be allowed to smoke in their car if they want to?
- What do you think of someone else's cigarette smoke?
- What do you think of passive smoking?
- How can the government get more people to stop smoking?
- What would you do if you were in a car and someone smoked?
- What should happen to people who smoke in a car in front of kids?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. Britain will soon ban                   | a. smoke from a cigarette |
| 2. reduce the harm cigarette               | b. is not allowed         |
| 3. when someone breathes in the            | c. it illegal             |
| 4. passive                                 | d. for people to smoke    |
| 5. The new law will make                   | e. smoking in cars        |
| 6. lawmakers say it takes away the freedom | f. important              |
| 7. public places where smoking             | g. a child's health       |
| 8. make the ban wider                      | h. smoke does to children |
| 9. protecting                              | i. in the future          |
| 10. incredibly                             | j. smoking                |

## Discussion – Student B

- Is smoking a freedom that a government should protect?
- Would you like to see smoking banned in all public places?
- Are cigarettes similar to drugs?
- What smoking laws are there in your country?
- From what age is it OK for someone to start smoking?
- Do you think smoking will disappear forever one day?
- What other things should be banned in cars?
- What questions would you like to ask a car-driving smoker?

## Spelling

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- cut the chances of children ssepavi smoking
- someone ehrbesta in the smoke from a cigarette
- it looked at rrehcase
- the problem is lalycparutri bad in cars
- The new law will make it llaigle
- Not everyone aeserg with the new law
- public places where smoking is not wdloael
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- enigrpotct a child's health
- beicnrldyi important

### Answers – Synonym Match

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

## Role Play

### Role A – Passive smoking

You think passive smoking is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): soda, a lack of exercise or television.

### Role B – Soda

You think soda is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): passive smoking, a lack of exercise or television.

### Role C – A lack of exercise

You think a lack of exercise is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): soda, passive smoking or television.

### Role D – Television

You think television is the worst thing for children. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): soda, a lack of exercise or passive smoking.

## Speaking – Child health

Rank these with your partner. Put the unhealthiest for children at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| • passive smoking | • lack of exercise |
| • cola / soda     | • arguing parents  |
| • television      | • candy            |
| • pollution       | • bullying         |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.