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**Level 3 – 3rd July 2025**

## France bans smoking for tobacco-free generation

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# THE ARTICLE

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

France has banned smoking in public places like beaches and parks. Any smoker who lights up a cigarette in public will be breaking the law. The new smoking ban is to protect children from passive smoking. This happens when you breathe in smoke from other people who are smoking. The government wants to create a tobacco-free generation by 2032. This means protecting children today. France's Minister of Health said: "Tobacco must disappear from places where there are children - a park, a beach, a school. 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 slowly falling in France. However, passive smoking still causes up to 5,000 deaths per year. A recent survey showed that 68 per cent of French people support rules to ban smoking in public. They also want bans at outdoor cafes and restaurants, but these places are not included under the new ban. Smoking is one of the leading causes of preventable disease, disability and death. It can damage nearly every organ of the body. Smoking near children is especially dangerous because their bodies are still developing. Second-hand smoke can lead to breathing problems and asthma. It can slow down or damage lung development. People hope the new ban means children can grow up to be healthier.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jun/29/france-implements-smoking-ban-at-beaches-and-parks-in-step-towards-tobacco-free-generation>  
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# WARM-UPS

**1. SMOKING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about smoking. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

France / smoking / beaches / parks / breaking the law / passive smoking / clean air / survey / ban / cafes / restaurants / disease / breathing problems / asthma / lungs

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

**3. BAN:** Students A **strongly** believe smoking should be completely banned; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ADDICTIONS:** What are the negative effects of these addictions? How can people stop? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Negative Effects	How to Stop
Cigarettes		
Alcohol		
Chocolate		
Smartphone		
Shopping		
Television		

**5. SMOKE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "smoke". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. NEGATIVE EFFECTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest negative effects of smoking at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Lung damage
- Bad breath
- Stained (yellow) teeth
- Being out of breath
- Heart disease
- High cost
- Gum disease
- Social isolation

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. banned       | a. Starts smoking a cigarette (by getting the cigarette burning).    |
| 2. lights up    | b. Not active; happening <b>to</b> you, not by you.                  |
| 3. law          | c. Keep someone or something safe.                                   |
| 4. protect      | d. A rule we must follow (made by the leaders of a country).         |
| 5. passive      | e. Not allowed by the rules or the law.                              |
| 6. breathe      | f. Something basic you are allowed to have or do as a living person. |
| 7. right (noun) | g. Take air in and out of your body (through our lungs).             |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. recent          | h. A part of the body that does a job (like the heart or lungs).     |
| 9. survey (noun)   | i. Happening not long ago.   |
| 10. support (verb) | j. Can be stopped before it happens.                                 |
| 11. cause (verb)   | k. The two parts of the body that helps us breathe.                  |
| 12. preventable    | l. Say yes to something or agree with it.                            |
| 13. organ          | m. Make something happen.  |
| 14. lungs          | n. A set of questions to find out what people think about something. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. France has banned smoking in parks but not on beaches. **T / F**
2. The article says the ban will protect children from active smoking. **T / F**
3. France wants a tobacco-free generation in the next 10 years. **T / F**
4. The health minister said children have a right to breathe clean air. **T / F**
5. Over three-quarters of French people support a smoking ban. **T / F**
6. The new law does not cover cafes and restaurants. **T / F**
7. The article says smoking damages every organ in the body. **T / F**
8. The article says second-hand smoke can damage children's lungs. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>protect</b>    | a. ends         |
| 2. <b>create</b>     | b. starts       |
| 3. <b>disappear</b>  | c. difficulties |
| 4. <b>stops</b>      | d. make         |
| 5. <b>begins</b>     | e. back         |
| 6. <b>causes</b>     | f. keep safe    |
| 7. <b>support</b>    | g. growing      |
| 8. <b>leading</b>    | h. leads to     |
| 9. <b>developing</b> | i. die out      |
| 10. <b>problems</b>  | j. main         |

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

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Any smoker who lights                | a. hand smoke               |
| 2. protect children from                | b. in smoke                 |
| 3. This happens when you breathe        | c. up to be healthier       |
| 4. These are places to play, learn, and | d. clean air                |
| 5. the right of children to breathe     | e. of preventable disease   |
| 6. They also want bans at               | f. up a cigarette in public |
| 7. Smoking is one of the leading causes | g. organ of the body        |
| 8. It can damage nearly every           | h. outdoor cafes            |
| 9. Second-                              | i. passive smoking          |
| 10. children can grow                   | j. breathe                  |

# GAP FILL

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

France has banned smoking in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ places like beaches and parks. Any smoker who lights up a cigarette in public will be (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the law. The new smoking ban is to protect children from (3) \_\_\_\_\_ smoking. This happens when you breathe in smoke from (4) \_\_\_\_\_ people who are smoking. The government wants to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a tobacco-free generation by 2032. This means protecting children today. France's Minister of Health said: "Tobacco must (6) \_\_\_\_\_ from places where there are children - a park, a beach, a school. These are places to play, learn, and (7) \_\_\_\_\_; not for smoking." She added: "The freedom to smoke stops where the right of children to breathe (8) \_\_\_\_\_ air begins."

Smoking is slowly (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in France. However, passive smoking still causes up to 5,000 deaths per year. A (10) \_\_\_\_\_ survey showed that 68 per cent of French people support rules to ban smoking in public. They also want bans at (11) \_\_\_\_\_ cafes and restaurants, but these places are not included under the new ban. Smoking is one of the leading (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of preventable disease, disability and death. It can damage nearly every (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of the body. Smoking near children is especially dangerous because their bodies are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ developing. Second-hand smoke can lead to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ problems and asthma. It can slow down or damage lung development. People hope the new ban means children can grow up to be (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*other*  
*breaking*  
*disappear*  
*clean*  
*passive*  
*breathe*  
*public*  
*create*

*outdoor*  
*organ*  
*healthier*  
*falling*  
*breathing*  
*causes*  
*recent*  
*still*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) France has banned smoking in public places like \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. beaches and park
  - b. beaches and sparks
  - c. beaches and perks
  - d. beaches and parks
- 2) Any smoker who lights up a cigarette in public will be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. breaking the law
  - b. breaking the raw
  - c. breaking the law
  - d. breaking allow
- 3) The government wants to create a tobacco-free \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. generation at 2032
  - b. generation on 2032
  - c. generation by 2032
  - d. generation up 2032
- 4) These are places to play, learn, and breathe; \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. now for smoking
  - b. not for smoking
  - c. no for smoking
  - d. non for smoking
- 5) The freedom to smoke stops where the right of children to breathe \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. clean air begin
  - b. clean air began
  - c. clean air beginnings
  - d. clean air begins
- 6) However, passive smoking still causes up to 5,000 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. deaths spar year
  - b. deaths spur year
  - c. death spur year
  - d. deaths per year
- 7) 68 per cent of French people support rules to ban \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. smoke in public
  - b. smoke king in public
  - c. smoking in publicly
  - d. smoking in public
- 8) but these places are not included under \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the new bin
  - b. the new ban
  - c. the newbie
  - d. the newly ban
- 9) disability and death. It can damage \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nearly every organic
  - b. nearly every organ
  - c. nearly every organist
  - d. nearly every organs
- 10) People hope the new ban means children can grow up \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to been healthier
  - b. to be healthy are
  - c. to being healthier
  - d. to be healthier

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

France has banned smoking in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ beaches and parks. Any smoker who lights up a cigarette in public will be breaking the law. The new smoking ban (2) \_\_\_\_\_ children from passive smoking. This happens when you breathe (3) \_\_\_\_\_ other people who are smoking. The government wants to create a tobacco-free generation by 2032. This means protecting children today. France's Minister of Health said: "Tobacco (4) \_\_\_\_\_ places where there are children - a park, a beach, a school. These are (5) \_\_\_\_\_, learn, and breathe; not for smoking." She added: "The freedom to smoke stops where the right of children (6) \_\_\_\_\_ air begins."

Smoking is slowly falling in France. However, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ causes up to 5,000 deaths per year. A recent survey showed that 68 per cent of French people support rules to ban smoking in public. They also want bans (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and restaurants, but these places are not included under the new ban. Smoking is one of the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ preventable disease, disability and death. It can damage nearly every organ of the body. Smoking near children (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because their bodies are still developing. Second-hand smoke can lead (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and asthma. It can slow down or damage lung development. People hope the new ban means children can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ be healthier.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. In which two places does the article say French people cannot smoke?
2. What will the new law protect children from?
3. What does the French government want to create by 2032?
4. Who said tobacco must disappear from public places?
5. What did a woman say children have a right to breathe?
6. How many people does passive smoking kill each year?
7. What percentage of French people support a smoking ban?
8. What bodily organs can smoking damage?
9. What does the article say can lead to breathing problems and asthma?
10. What can be slowed down or damaged by breathing in smoke?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) In which two places does the article say French people cannot smoke?
  - a) parks and beaches
  - b) cafes and restaurants
  - c) schools and kindergartens
  - d) offices and factories
- 2) What will the new law protect children from?
  - a) a new law
  - b) addiction
  - c) passive smoking
  - d) breaking the law
- 3) What does the French government want to create by 2032?
  - a) a nicotine-free cigarette
  - b) a tobacco-free generation
  - c) a smokeless country
  - d) nice parks
- 4) Who said tobacco must disappear from public places?
  - a) a cigarette company CEO
  - b) France's president
  - c) a campaign group
  - d) France's minister of health
- 5) What did a woman say children have a right to breathe?
  - a) clean air
  - b) easily
  - c) nice-smelling air
  - d) deeply
- 6) How many people does passive smoking kill each year?
  - a) more than 5,000
  - b) around 5,000
  - c) exactly 5,000
  - d) up to 5,000
- 7) What percentage of French people support a smoking ban?
  - a) 69 per cent
  - b) 68 per cent
  - c) 67 per cent
  - d) 66 per cent
- 8) What bodily organs can smoking damage?
  - a) half of them
  - b) all of them
  - c) a few of them
  - d) nearly every organ
- 9) What does the article say can lead to breathing problems and asthma?
  - a) vapes
  - b) cigars
  - c) second-hand smoke
  - d) no exercise
- 10) What can be slowed down or damaged by breathing in smoke?
  - a) intelligence
  - b) lung development
  - c) running speed
  - d) stamina

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Bad Breath**

You think bad breath is the worst thing about smoking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): being out of breath, smoking being an expensive habit or social isolation.

## **Role B – Being out of Breath**

You think being out of breath is the worst thing about smoking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): bad breath, smoking being an expensive habit or social isolation.

## **Role C – Expensive Habit**

You think smoking being an expensive habit is the worst thing about smoking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): being out of breath, bad breath or social isolation.

## **Role D – Social Isolation**

You think social isolation is the worst thing about smoking. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): being out of breath, smoking being an expensive habit or bad breath.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'ban' and 'smoking'.

<b>ban</b>	<b>smoking</b>

- 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>• smoker</li><li>• protect</li><li>• generation</li><li>• minister</li><li>• play</li><li>• freedom</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• slowly</li><li>• recent</li><li>• outdoor</li><li>• nearly</li><li>• problems</li><li>• grow</li></ul>
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# SMOKING SURVEY

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

# SMOKING DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'ban'?
3. What do you think of smoking?
4. What do you think of vaping?
5. Why do people smoke?
6. How can people smoke near children?
7. What do you think of the smell of cigarette smoke?
8. What do you think of a smoke-free generation?
9. How different would the world be without cigarettes?
10. What advice do you have for someone who wants to quit smoking?

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# SMOKING DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'smoking'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of banning smoking?
15. Should smokers pay more for healthcare?
16. Should smoking be banned in restaurants?
17. What damage does smoking do to the body?
18. What three adjectives best describe the word 'cigarette'?
19. How can we stop children smoking?
20. What questions would you like to ask a smoker?

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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

- |     |              |               |               |              |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) of       | (b) in        | (c) as        | (d) up       |
| 2.  | (a) broken   | (b) breaking  | (c) breaks    | (d) break    |
| 3.  | (a) smoked   | (b) smokes    | (c) smoker    | (d) smoking  |
| 4.  | (a) what     | (b) where     | (c) that      | (d) which    |
| 5.  | (a) now      | (b) not       | (c) non       | (d) no       |
| 6.  | (a) breather | (b) breathing | (c) breathe   | (d) breath   |
| 7.  | (a) down     | (b) across    | (c) up        | (d) over     |
| 8.  | (a) for      | (b) of        | (c) to        | (d) at       |
| 9.  | (a) includes | (b) include   | (c) including | (d) included |
| 10. | (a) organ    | (b) organic   | (c) organist  | (d) organs   |
| 11. | (a) still    | (b) but       | (c) though    | (d) for      |
| 12. | (a) growing  | (b) growth    | (c) grow      | (d) grown    |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. France has nbenda smoking in public places
2. ttcerpo children
3. evpsasi smoking
4. when you ateehrb in smoke
5. Tobacco must pdrieapas
6. The moedefr to smoke stops

## Paragraph 2

7. A crntee survey showed that
8. people rpsoput rules to ban smoking
9. not dlcueidn under the new ban
10. leading causes of preventable eeissad
11. ipyclealse dangerous
12. slow down or damage ulng development

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) and death. It can damage nearly every organ of the body. Smoking near children is especially
- ( ) asthma. It can slow down or damage lung development. People hope the new ban means children can grow up to be healthier.
- ( ) dangerous because their bodies are still developing. Second-hand smoke can lead to breathing problems and
- ( ) for smoking." She added: "The freedom to smoke stops where the right of children to breathe clean air begins."
- ( **1** ) France has banned smoking in public places like beaches and parks. Any smoker who lights
- ( ) included under the new ban. Smoking is one of the leading causes of preventable disease, disability
- ( ) public. They also want bans at outdoor cafes and restaurants, but these places are not
- ( ) Smoking is slowly falling in France. However, passive smoking still causes up to 5,000 deaths per
- ( ) smoking. This happens when you breathe in smoke from other people who are smoking. The government wants
- ( ) there are children - a park, a beach, a school. These are places to play, learn, and breathe; not
- ( ) to create a tobacco-free generation by 2032. This means protecting children
- ( ) today. France's Minister of Health said: "Tobacco must disappear from places where
- ( ) up a cigarette in public will be breaking the law. The new smoking ban is to protect children from passive
- ( ) year. A recent survey showed that 68 per cent of French people support rules to ban smoking in

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. France places like beaches has in banned smoking .
2. Smoker cigarette a who public in up light .
3. The protect to is children new ban smoking .
4. Breathe who people smoking are from other smoke .
5. The breathe of air clean to children right .
6. Passive per still causes deaths smoking year 5000 .
7. They bans cafes also outdoor want at .
8. One preventable disease of causes the leading of .
9. Second-hand breathing to smoke problems can lead .
10. Children up healthier grow be can to .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

France has banned smoking *on / in* public places like beaches and parks. Any smoker who lights *down / up* a cigarette in public will be breaking the *law / laws*. The new smoking ban is to protect children from passive *smoking / smoker*. This happens when you *breathe / breath* in smoke from other people who are smoking. The government wants to create a tobacco-free generation *to / by* 2032. This means *protecting / protect* children today. France's Minister of Health said: "Tobacco must disappear *from / for* places where there are children - a park, a beach, a school. These are places to play, learn, and breathe; not *for / to* smoking." She added: "The freedom to smoke stops where the right of children to breathe clean air *beginning / begins*."

Smoking is slowly *fallen / falling* in France. However, passive smoking still causes up to 5,000 deaths per year. A *recently / recent* survey showed that 68 per cent of French people support *rules / rule* to ban smoking in public. They also want bans at outdoor cafes and restaurants, but *these / them* places are not included under the new ban. Smoking is *once / one* of the leading causes of *prevent / preventable* disease, disability and death. It can damage nearly every *organist / organ* of the body. Smoking near children is *special / especially* dangerous because their bodies are still developing. Second-hand smoke can lead to breathing problems and asthma. It can slow down or damage lung *develop / development*. People hope the new ban means children can grow up to *be / have* healthier.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Fr\_nc\_ h\_s b\_nn\_d sm\_k\_ng \_n p\_bl\_c pl\_c\_s l\_k\_ b\_\_ch\_s \_nd p\_rks. \_ny sm\_k\_r wh\_ l\_ghts \_p \_ c\_g\_r\_tt\_ \_n p\_bl\_c w\_ll b\_ br\_\_k\_ng th\_ l\_w. Th\_ n\_w sm\_k\_ng b\_n \_s t\_ pr\_t\_ct ch\_ldr\_n fr\_m p\_ss\_v\_ sm\_k\_ng. Th\_s h\_pp\_ns wh\_n y\_\_ br\_\_th\_ \_n sm\_k\_ fr\_m \_th\_r p\_\_pl\_ wh\_ \_r\_ sm\_k\_ng. Th\_ g\_v\_rnm\_nt w\_nts t\_ cr\_\_t\_ \_ t\_b\_cc\_-fr\_\_ g\_n\_r\_t\_\_n by 2032. Th\_s m\_\_ns pr\_t\_ct\_ng ch\_ldr\_n t\_d\_y. Fr\_nc\_'s M\_n\_st\_r \_f H\_\_lth s\_\_d: "T\_b\_cc\_ m\_st d\_s\_pp\_\_r fr\_m pl\_c\_s wh\_r\_ th\_r\_ \_r\_ ch\_ldr\_n - \_ p\_rk, \_ b\_\_ch, \_ sch\_\_l. Th\_s\_ \_r\_ pl\_c\_s t\_ pl\_y, l\_\_rn, \_nd br\_\_th\_; n\_t f\_r sm\_k\_ng." Sh\_ \_dd\_d: "Th\_ fr\_\_d\_m t\_ sm\_k\_ st\_ps wh\_r\_ th\_ r\_ght \_f ch\_ldr\_n t\_ br\_\_th\_ cl\_\_n \_\_r b\_g\_ns."

Sm\_k\_ng \_s sl\_wly f\_ll\_ng \_n Fr\_nc\_. H\_w\_v\_r, p\_ss\_v\_ sm\_k\_ng st\_ll c\_\_s\_s \_p t\_ 5,000 d\_\_ths p\_r y\_\_r. \_ r\_c\_nt s\_rv\_y sh\_w\_d th\_t 68 p\_r c\_nt \_f Fr\_nch p\_\_pl\_ s\_pp\_rt r\_l\_s t\_ b\_n sm\_k\_ng \_n p\_bl\_c. Th\_y \_ls\_ w\_nt b\_ns \_t \_\_td\_\_r c\_f\_s \_nd r\_st\_\_rnts, b\_t th\_s\_ pl\_c\_s \_r\_ n\_t \_ncl\_d\_d \_nd\_r th\_ n\_w b\_n. Sm\_k\_ng \_s \_n\_ \_f th\_ l\_\_d\_ng c\_\_s\_s \_f pr\_v\_nt\_bl\_ d\_s\_\_s\_, d\_s\_b\_l\_ty \_nd d\_\_th. \_t c\_n d\_m\_g\_ n\_\_rly \_v\_ry \_rg\_n \_f th\_ b\_dy. Sm\_k\_ng n\_\_r ch\_ldr\_n \_s \_sp\_c\_\_lly d\_ng\_r\_\_s b\_c\_\_s\_ th\_\_r b\_d\_\_s \_r\_ st\_ll d\_v\_l\_p\_ng. S\_c\_nd-h\_nd sm\_k\_ c\_n l\_\_d t\_ br\_\_th\_ng pr\_bl\_ms \_nd \_sthm\_. \_t c\_n sl\_w d\_wn \_r d\_m\_g\_ l\_ng d\_v\_l\_pm\_nt. P\_\_pl\_ h\_p\_ th\_ n\_w b\_n m\_\_ns ch\_ldr\_n c\_n gr\_w \_p t\_ b\_ h\_\_lth\_\_r.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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smoking is slowly falling in france however passive smoking still causes up to 5000 deaths per year a recent survey showed that 68 per cent of french people support rules to ban smoking in public they also want bans at outdoor cafes and restaurants but these places are not included under the new ban smoking is one of the leading causes of preventable disease disability and death it can damage nearly every organ of the body smoking near children is especially dangerous because their bodies are still developing secondhand smoke can lead to breathing problems and asthma it can slow down or damage lung development people hope the new ban means children can grow up to be healthier

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

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

Write about **smoking** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]



# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Smoking and vaping should be banned worldwide. Discuss.

[illegible]

# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. BAN:** Write a magazine article about banning smoking. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. a    3. d    4. c    5. b    6. g    7. f  
8. i    9. n    10. l    11. m    12. j    13. h    14. k

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 T    5 F    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Parks and beaches
2. Passive smoking
3. A tobacco-free generation
4. France's Minister of Health
5. Clean air
6. Up to 5,000
7. 68 per cent
8. Nearly every organ
9. Second-hand smoke
10. Lung development

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. France has banned smoking in places like beaches.
2. Smoker who light up a cigarette in public.
3. The new smoking ban is to protect children.
4. Breathe smoke from other people who are smoking.
5. The right of children to breathe clean air.
6. Passive smoking still causes 5,000 deaths per year.
7. They also want bans at outdoor cafes.
8. One of the leading causes of preventable disease.
9. Second-hand smoke can lead to breathing problems.
10. Children can grow up to be healthier.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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