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## **Level 1**

# **UK to ban smoking in cars with kids**

**14th February, 2014**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban-1.html>

Britain will ban smoking in cars with children. It wants to stop children from passive smoking. This is when someone breathes in smoke from a cigarette. It can be as harmful as smoking a cigarette. Research found that children who sat in smoke-filled cars had health problems. Britain's leader said the problem is bad in cars because there is so little space. The car fills with smoke quickly. It will be illegal to smoke in a car with a child in it.

Not everyone agrees with the new law. Some people say it takes away the freedom of smokers. They think it is OK to smoke in a car. In many public places you cannot smoke. Some people are worried the ban might become wider, so no one can smoke in a car. Britain's health minister said the health of children was more important than the freedom to smoke. He said: "Protecting a child's health does seem to me to be incredibly important."

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/11/us-britain-smoking-ban-idUSBREA1A1EL20140211>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-26131044>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. someone breathes in               | a. little space           |
| 2. children who sat in smoke-        | b. be illegal             |
| 3. health                            | c. with smoke quickly     |
| 4. Britain's leader said the problem | d. smoke from a cigarette |
| 5. there is so                       | e. with a child in it     |
| 6. The car fills                     | f. filled cars            |
| 7. It will                           | g. is bad in cars         |
| 8. smoke in a car                    | h. problems               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Not everyone agrees    | a. become wider       |
| 2. it takes away          | b. it is OK           |
| 3. They think             | c. health             |
| 4. public                 | d. with the new law   |
| 5. worried the ban might  | e. was more important |
| 6. Britain's health       | f. the freedom        |
| 7. the health of children | g. places             |
| 8. Protecting a child's   | h. minister           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1402/140214-smoking-ban-1.html>

Britain (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in cars with children. It wants to stop children from (2) \_\_\_\_\_. This is when someone breathes in smoke from a cigarette. It can be as (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a cigarette. Research found that children who sat in smoke-filled cars (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Britain's leader said the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in cars because there is so little space. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ smoke quickly. It will be illegal to smoke in a car with a child in it.

Not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the new law. Some people say it takes away the freedom of smokers. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in a car. In many public places you cannot smoke. Some (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the ban might become wider, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in a car. Britain's health minister said the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ was more important than the freedom to smoke. He said: "Protecting a child's health does seem to me to be (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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