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UK to ban smoking in cars with kids

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THE READING

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Britain will ban smoking in cars with children. Britain wants to reduce the harm passive smoking does to children. This is when someone breathes in smoke from a cigarette. Passive smoking can be as harmful as smoking a cigarette. The British government said research found children who sat in smoke-filled cars had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem is bad in cars because there is so little space, so the car fills with smoke quickly. The new law will make it illegal for anyone to smoke in a car with 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 car. They think it is OK to smoke in a car because in many public places you cannot smoke. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might make the ban wider, so no one could smoke in a car. Britain's health minister said the health of children was more important than the freedom to smoke: "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: <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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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. reduce | a. bad in cars |
| 2. passive | b. the harm |
| 3. children who sat in smoke- | c. smoke quickly |
| 4. health | d. smoking |
| 5. the problem is | e. it illegal |
| 6. there is so | f. problems |
| 7. the car fills with | g. little space |
| 8. The new law will make | h. filled cars |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Not everyone | a. to smoke in your car |
| 2. public | b. minister |
| 3. worried the government might | c. agrees |
| 4. Britain's health | d. important |
| 5. more important than the | e. make the ban wider |
| 6. The liberty | f. health |
| 7. protecting a child's | g. freedom to smoke |
| 8. be incredibly | h. places |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Britain (1) _____ in cars with children. Britain wants to reduce the harm passive smoking (2) _____. This is when someone breathes in smoke from a cigarette. Passive smoking can (3) _____ smoking a cigarette. The British government said research found children who sat (4) _____ had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem is bad in cars because there (5) _____, so the car fills with smoke quickly. The new law will (6) _____ anyone to smoke in a car with a child in it.

Not everyone (7) _____ new law. Some lawmakers say it takes away the freedom for people to smoke in their car. They think it is OK to smoke in a car because in (8) _____ you cannot smoke. A few lawmakers said they were worried the government might (9) _____, so no one could smoke in a car. Britain's health minister said the (10) _____ was more important than the freedom to smoke: "The liberty to smoke in your car (11) _____ doesn't seem to me that important and protecting a child's health (12) _____ be incredibly important."

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)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
