

Task 1 Smoking vocabulary

How many words do you know connected to smoking? Write them below. If you want to draw pictures or write the words in your own language too it may help you to remember them.

Smoking

Task 2 Smoking – facts and figures

How much do you know about the facts and figures of smoking? Read the following sentences and see if you can complete them with the correct number.

- One cigarette contains more than _____ chemical substances.
A) 10
B) 1000
C) 4000
- 2) In Britain, about 3,500 people are killed each year in road traffic accidents and _____ are killed by smoking.
A) 120, 000
B) 60, 000
C) 35, 000
- 3) More than _____ of smokers say they want to give up smoking.
A) 50%
B) 70%
C) 90%
- 4) Children whose parents smoke are _____ as likely to start smoking themselves.
A) twice
B) three times
C) six times
- 5) Every day in the UK, _____ children start smoking.
A) 250
B) 450
C) 650
- 6) In Britain it is illegal to sell cigarettes to people under the age of _____.
A) 14
B) 18
C) 16
- 7) In the UK, 28% of men and _____% of women smoke.
A) 26%
B) 36%
C) 16%
- 8) More than _____ of smokers start when they are teenagers.
A) 40%
B) 60%
C) 80%
- 9) Heart attack rates have fallen by about _____ in England since the ban on smoking in public places was introduced in July 2007.
A) 2%
B) 10%
C) 45%
- 10) In Britain, the fine for smoking at work is:
A) £50
B) £100
C) £10

Do you know any facts and figures for your country about smoking? Why don't you find out some of the statistics to tell your class about in the next lesson? Then you can compare your country with the UK.

Task 3 Excuse me! Can I smoke here?

Add some more places to the empty rows below. Write yes or no in the second column and then ask your teacher about the UK to complete the third column. In the comments column you can put any extra information or your opinion.

| Place | Allowed to smoke in your country? | Allowed to smoke in UK? | Comments |
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| Schools | | | |
| Banks | | | |
| Public transport | | | |
| Parks | | | |
| Restaurants | | | |
| Hospitals | | | |
| Universities | | | |
| Beaches | | | |
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Are the smoking restrictions in your country very different to those in the UK?
 Would you like smoking to be banned in more places in your country?

Task 4 Smoking Bans

It is now illegal to smoke in all work places including bars, pubs and restaurants in many countries. Smoking *outside* is banned in some places, such as parks, playgrounds and beaches in parts of the USA and Australia. Smoking is illegal in any public place in Bhutan, in south Asia.

- What do you understand by passive smoking?
- Who do you think can suffer from passive smoking?
- Which cities or countries in the world have very strict smoking regulations?
- Which countries have banned smoking in bars, pubs and restaurants?
- Which countries have banned smoking in some outside spaces?
- Do you think these bans will help to reduce the number of smokers?
- Do you think smokers have a right to smoke where they want?

Task 5 Smoking bans - Opinions

A local newspaper carried out a report asking people in Manchester, in the north of England, how they feel about the law banning smoking in all work places including pubs and restaurants. Read the comments below. After the first reading, decide if you think the person is a smoker, a non-smoker or if you don't know. After the second reading, try to match the comments with the characters below.

A - Restaurants have definitely changed for the better. Customers can now enjoy their food in a clean, fresh environment. The tables here are close together here so sometimes people would light up an after-dinner cigarette when others are just starting their meal. It really puts some people off. I must admit though, I still pop outside for a quick fag at the end of a busy evening shift in the kitchen.

B - I still can't really believe they allowed it to happen. After a hard day at work me and my mates always come to the pub for a couple of pints and a few ciggies. It's the only way to finish a day! Now we're forced to go outside to smoke. It's madness. It's awful in the winter. We freeze out there! I reckon they've taking away my basic human right to smoke. I mean it's not illegal is it?

C - Since the ban on July 1st 2007, thousands of people have given up smoking and there has been a significant reduction in heart attack rates. In the years to come the government will see the benefits in reduced healthcare costs. Workers are happier and people continue to go out and enjoy a drink. The world has not collapsed!

D - As I work in pubs every evening, I was really worried about the effects that passive smoking was having on my voice. Sometimes after singing for the evening in a crowded bar my throat felt as if I'd smoked a pack of twenty myself. I'm sure it wasn't good for my vocal chords. When I got home my clothes and hair used to stink of smoke. Now it's great. I don't have to jump straight in the shower when I get back home. There are still lots of people in the pubs and bars here. People have got used to the idea really quickly. I'd like to see a ban on outside smoking too.

E - I couldn't believe my ears when I heard about the smoking ban. I mean it's all part of the British pub culture; a pint and a cigarette is a basic human right here! Well, anyway I had no option but to enforce the new law here in my pub. The fine if you get caught is £2500 so it's just not worth the risk. I must admit I was really worried about taking less money and having fewer customers, but it hasn't happened. I've noticed more women in the pub and more families in the beer garden in summer. The smokers don't like standing out in the cold and in the rain of course so we've had outdoor heating and canopies put in for the winter.

F - It was strange at first but I've got used to popping outside for a smoke. In fact I've met lots of people and made a few friends standing outside the pub having a smoke! It's really quite a sociable event. There's one pub that has parked a big red bus outside for smokers to go in and enjoy a cigarette! I haven't been there yet but friends say it's great fun. I'm thinking about giving up now anyway. I'm going to try to give up in the new year.

G - Since the smoking ban I go out much more. I've got asthma and before I just couldn't sit in the pub for long without having to go outside for a breath of fresh air. At work we've all noticed there are many more cigarette butts on the floor to pick up. Pub doorways are the worst but all over the streets there are hundreds! Let's see when they put a ban on throwing the butt on the ground! I'm all for a complete ban on smoking; inside *and* outside.

H - I feel much healthier since the smoking ban. I used to get lots of colds and coughs and since the ban I've hardly had any. Sometimes I work for eight hours a day, so that was eight hours of breathing the customers' smoke. The whole bar smells different now when you walk in. It doesn't smell very nice though, instead of the smoke it smells of old carpets! I think the landlord should get some new ones. My job is definitely more pleasant now.

- Singer
- Barman
- Pub customer (old)
- Pub landlord
- Chef
- Road sweeper
- Health minister
- Pub customer (young)

Now, imagine your city has introduced a smoking ban for all public places. Write to your local newspaper to express your views.

Task 6 Give up smoking campaign

Imagine you work for the health department in your country. You have been asked to work on a campaign to encourage smokers to give up. First of all think of five reasons why people should stop smoking. Write them here:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

Now work in small groups and think of a slogan. It should be a short phrase that people will remember.

Write your slogan for the campaign here:

If you have time, design a poster for your campaign. You could have a competition in the class to design the best poster. If you have space, put the posters up in the classroom or around the school.