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Worksheet A - Smoking – The 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.

1) 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%

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.

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**Worksheet B - 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 place you’ve chosen to complete the third column. In the comments column you can put any extra information or your opinion.

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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?

**Worksheet C - Smoking Discussion Statements**

The smoking bans won’t stop people from smoking.

It’s a civil right to be able to smoke wherever you want.

Non-smokers who work in smoky environments need to be protected from being passive smoking.

Governments should spend their time worrying about more serious issues than smoking.

The tobacco industry is very important in most countries.

The price of cigarettes should be higher to stop young people from starting to smoke.

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Worksheet D - Smoking bans – Have your say.

A local newspaper carried out a report asking people in Dublin how they feel about the new law banning smoking in all workplaces 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 can’t believe what has happened. I’ve lived in Dublin all my life. 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. I’m dreading the winter. We’ll freeze out there! I reckon they’re taking away my basic human right to smoke. I mean it’s not illegal is it?

C - Since the ban on March 29th 2004, 7,000 people have given up smoking. In the years to come the government will see the benefits in reduced healthcare costs. Workers are happier and Irish 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’m sure more countries will follow suit.

E – I couldn’t believe my ears when I heard about the smoking ban. I mean it’s all part of the Irish pub culture; a pint and a cigarette is a basic human right here! Well, anyway I’ve had no option but to enforce the new law here in my pub. The fine if you get caught is €2,000 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 yet. I’ve noticed more women in the pub and more families in the beer garden. We’ll have to wait and see what happens in the winter. I think the smokers won’t like standing out in the cold and in the rain.

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!

H – I feel healthier already since the smoking ban. I used to get lots of colds and coughs and since the ban I haven’t 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 may have to get some new ones soon. My job is definitely more pleasant now.

1 - a singer  2 – a barman  3 - a pub customer (old)  4 – a pub landlord  5 – a chef  6- a road sweeper  7 – the health minister  8 – a pub customer (young)
Worksheet E - 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: 

                                                                                           

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