

No Smoke without Fire

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Activity 1

Read the following questions and discuss them with your partner.

1. Do you smoke? Have you ever smoked? If so, when did you start, and why? If not, why not?
2. If you are a smoker, have you ever tried to give up smoking? Were you successful? Why/not?
3. Whether you smoke or not, why do you think people take up smoking?
4. What do you think makes people continue to smoke despite the health risks?
5. If you are a smoker, have you ever made a New Year's Resolution to give up smoking? Did you make such a resolution this year? Is it working?
6. In some places, such as Italy, smoking has been banned in public places such as bars and restaurants. Do you think this is a good idea? Do such bans discourage people from taking up smoking?
7. Some countries have banned the use of hand-held mobile phones while driving. Do you think smoking while driving should be banned? Why/not?
8. If you saw someone smoking in a designated 'No Smoking' area what would you do?
9. Do you think cigarette advertising should be associated with sports (such as Formula 1 motor-racing) or banned from certain places (such as near schools, on TV etc)?
10. In many countries cigarette packets and advertisements are required by law to carry a 'government health warning' stating the dangers of smoking. How useful do you think this is? Do you think it discourages smokers? Why/not?
11. In Britain children under 16 may not buy cigarettes or tobacco. Do you agree with this age limit? If not, what do you think the legal age limit should be, and why?
12. What responsibility do you think tobacco companies have to smokers? If a smoker develops a smoking-related disease and sues a tobacco company, do you think the tobacco company should 'cough up'?

Activity 2

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. When tobacco was first introduced to Europe, what was it used for?
2. In which year were cigarette advertisements banned from British television?
3. What is the connection between cigarettes and lettuce?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 3

What is the best way to stop young people taking up smoking?

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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