

B2 Grammar gap-fill cloze: attributive adjectives

Plans for smoking law to stop UK youth buying cigarettes

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England's 1._____ smokers could be denied access to cigarettes under a 2._____ policy by UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. The proposal would raise the legal age for buying cigarettes by one year every year, starting from 2026. People must be 18 or over to legally buy cigarettes in the UK. But if the 3._____ measure goes ahead, then anyone currently in their mid-teens may never be able to buy cigarettes.

The restriction would be implemented in England only, not the rest of the UK. The last time the 4._____ age limit for buying cigarettes was changed in the UK was in 2007, when it was increased from 16 to 18. Sunak's government said that the 2007 change that targeted the youth saw a 30% 5._____ reduction in 16- and 17-year-olds smoking.

In total, 6._____ rates have declined by 66% since the 1970s, but there are around 6.4 million UK citizens who still buy cigarettes. Meanwhile, vaping has tripled in popularity since 2000, officials say. Now, instead of 7._____ children smoking, they are developing a vaping addiction. It is also illegal in the UK to sell vapes to under-18s.

Mr Sunak said he wants to end the UK's "biggest cause of 8._____ death and disease". He said four in five smokers start before they are 20, and that later "the 9._____ majority try to quit". In a speech he gave about stopping teenagers from taking up smoking, he gave a slogan-like remark to "stop the start" of the 10._____ habit.

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