

## B2 Listening exercises

### Plans for smoking law to stop UK youth buying cigarettes

1. Listening comprehension reordering. Put the summary sentences A-J in the order you hear them 1-10 in the story.

- A. .... Smoking numbers have gone down since the 1970s.
- B. .... The UK Prime Minister wants to raise the legal smoking age.
- C. .... Children cannot buy vapes in the UK.
- D. .... Those in their mid-teens now will never be able to buy cigarettes.
- E. .... In 2007 the legal age limit was increased by two years.
- F. .... Vaping has gone up three times as much since 2000.
- G. .... Most smokers try to stop, Mr Sunak said.
- H. .... In a catchy comment, Mr Sunak said he wants to “stop the start”.
- I. .... The proposal only affects England.
- J. .... After 2007 there was a big cut in new young smokers.

2. Listening for pronunciation. Circle how many words in the clip start with the following letters (not including numbers or short function words such as *in* or *the*):

i 2 3 4

m 1 2 3

t 2 3 4

3. Dictation. Write the words you hear. Each word is read twice in the audio.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ c o i d a n i t d
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ n i z e c t i
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ e d a y l d
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ y d n e
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ t a o m i y j r
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ s e r a m e u
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ i m n m i m u
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ a r p s o l o p
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ t c r n t i s o r i e
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ o h u t y

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Play or download the three audio MP3 files at:

<https://www.everybitenglish.com/lesson-20231020-upper-intermediate-b2-smoking-law>

Exercises 1, 2, and 3 use the MP3 files ending in 1, 2, and 3 respectively.

#### Answers

##### 1. Listening comprehension reordering:

1B, 2D, 3I, 4E, 5J, 6A, 7F, 8C, 9G, 10H

##### 2. Pronunciation:

i 2 implemented increased

m 2 minimum major

t 2 time targeted

##### 3. Dictation:

1. addiction

2. citizen

3. deadly

4. deny

5. majority

6. measure

7. minimum

8. proposal

9. restriction

10. youth