

B2 Vocabulary multiple-choice cloze

Plans for smoking law to stop UK youth buying cigarettes

England's young smokers could be 1._____ access to cigarettes under a new policy by UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. The 2._____ 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 tough 3._____ goes ahead, then anyone currently in their mid-teens may never be able to buy cigarettes.

The 4._____ would be implemented in England only, not the rest of the UK. The last time the 5._____ 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 6._____ saw a 30% major reduction in 16- and 17-year-olds smoking.

In total, smoking rates have declined by 66% since the 1970s, but there are around 6.4 million UK 7._____ who still buy cigarettes. Meanwhile, vaping has tripled in popularity since 2000, officials say. Now, instead of adolescent children smoking, they are developing a vaping 8._____. 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 preventable death and disease". He said four in five smokers start before they are 20, and that later "the vast 9._____ 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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| 1. A. defined | B. confirmed | C. denied | D. credited |
| 2. A. properly | B. channel | C. simply | D. proposal |
| 3. A. medical | B. third | C. measure | D. freedom |
| 4. A. consumer | B. restriction | C. institution | D. retail |
| 5. A. minimum | B. extended | C. eventually | D. mixed |
| 6. A. truth | B. source | C. rough | D. youth |
| 7. A. officials | B. citizens | C. billions | D. chiefs |
| 8. A. approach | B. addiction | C. account | D. arrangement |
| 9. A. highly | B. annual | C. majority | D. limits |
| 10. A. deadly | B. appeal | C. healing | D. steady |

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Answers

- 1C denied
- 2D proposal
- 3C measure
- 4B restriction
- 5A minimum
- 6D youth
- 7B citizens
- 8B addiction
- 9C majority
- 10A deadly

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