

B2 Writing cloze

Plans for smoking law to stop UK youth buying cigarettes

Spell the words 1-15 correctly. The first letters of 1-15 are the correct starting letters.

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| 1. dneide | 6. mimnimu | 11. acoidnitd |
| 2. pyloic | 7. yohut | 12. ilalelg |
| 3. parsolop | 8. deledicn | 13. mtaoiyjr |
| 4. mseraeu | 9. cniszeti | 14. soagnl |
| 5. rtcrtisoie | 10. ptpiolryua | 15. deayld |

England's young smokers could be 1. _____ access to cigarettes under a new 2. _____ by UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. The 3. _____ 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 4. _____ goes ahead, then anyone currently in their mid-teens may never be able to buy cigarettes.

The 5. _____ would be implemented in England only, not the rest of the UK. The last time the 6. _____ 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 7. _____ saw a 30% major reduction in 16- and 17-year-olds smoking.

In total, smoking rates have 8. _____ by 66% since the 1970s, but there are around 6.4 million UK 9. _____ who still buy cigarettes. Meanwhile, vaping has tripled in 10. _____ since 2000, officials say. Now, instead of adolescent children smoking, they are developing a vaping 11. _____. It is also 12. _____ 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 13. _____ try to quit". In a speech he gave about stopping teenagers from taking up smoking, he gave a 14. _____-like remark to "stop the start" of the 15. _____ habit.

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Answers

1. denied
2. policy
3. proposal
4. measure
5. restriction
6. minimum
7. youth
8. declined
9. citizens
10. popularity
11. addiction
12. illegal
13. majority
14. slogan
15. deadly

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Writing practice

Choose a question and write your answer below.

1. What would you say to someone to persuade them to stop smoking?
2. What is the legal age to buy cigarettes in your country and should it be raised?
3. Why is vaping becoming increasingly popular?
4. Regarding changing something, what does the phrase “a breath of fresh air” mean?
5. Regarding stopping something, what does the phrase “cold turkey” mean?

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