

VOCABULARY SET 25: CAR-FREE DAYS

Vocabulary:

1. **advocate** (n): những người chủ trương/tán thành
2. **atmosphere** (n) - **atmospheric** (adj): không khí, khí quyển
3. **contaminant** (n) - **contaminate** (v): (chất) gây ô nhiễm
4. **contribute** (v): đóng góp
5. **culprit** (n): nguyên nhân
6. **curtail** (v): rút ngắn, cắt bớt
7. **designate** (v): chỉ định, dành riêng
8. **emission** (n): khí thải, chất thải
9. **eschew** (v): tránh làm việc gì đó
10. **exaggerate** (v) - **exaggeration** (n): cường điệu hóa, phóng đại
11. **exert** (v); nỗ lực tạo thành
12. **flaw** (v/n): khuyết điểm, thiếu sót
13. **fume** (n): khói
14. **guarantee** (v): bảo đảm, cam đoan
15. **holistic** (adj): toàn diện
16. **levy** (v): đánh thuế
17. **long-lasting** (adj) - **longer-lasting** (comparative adj): lâu dài, bền bỉ
18. **mere** (adj): chỉ (đơn thuần) là
19. **reduce** (v) - **reduction** (n): giảm bớt
20. **short-term** - **long-term** (adj): ngắn hạn - dài hạn
21. **significant** (adj): đáng kể
22. **ubiquity** (n) - **ubiquitous** (adj): có mặt ở mọi nơi

Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. area / park / be / specially / designate / children.

2. much / coast / be / contaminate / nuclear waste.

3. high / cost / fuel / sure / curtail / holiday travel / this year.

4. outspoken / singer / be / advocate / gay and lesbian / right.

5. he / tend / exaggerate / when / talk / about / accomplishment

Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Sau nhiều nghiên cứu, các nhà khoa học đã tìm ra nguyên nhân của căn bệnh là do rối loạn gen.

2. Mặc dù tôi thích uống cà phê, tôi đã lựa chọn tránh thức uống này bởi những tác hại cà phê mang tới cho răng miệng tôi.

3. Khi nhà cầm quyền quyết định đánh thêm thuế vào các sản phẩm thuốc lá, những người hút thuốc đã tràn ra đường phố để biểu tình.

4. Cách chữa trị toàn diện mà bác sỹ của tôi đưa ra bao gồm thảo mộc và các loại vitamin giúp nâng cao sức khỏe.

5. Từ cửa sổ khách sạn, tôi có thể nhìn thấy khí thải ô nhiễm từ một nhà máy liền kề.

Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

advocate (n)	guarantee (v)
atmosphere (n)	holistic (adj)
contaminant (n)	levy (v)
contribute (v)	long-lasting (adj)
culprit (n)	mere (adj)
curtail (v)	reduce (v) - reduction (n)
designate (v)	short-term - long-term (adj)
emission (n)	significant (adj)
eschew (v)	ubiquity (n) - ubiquitous (adj)
exaggerate (v)	exert (v)
exaggeration (n)	flaw (v/n)
fume (n)	

Some people think international car-free days are an effective way of reducing air pollution, others think there are some other ways. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

The 1 _____ of cars is often considered as a major 2 _____ of air quality degradation in many countries. To combat 3 _____ pollution, many suggest that car-free days should be held internationally. However, I contend that these events may achieve little success, and there are more effective methods to preserve the atmosphere.

4 _____ of organising global car-free days may argue that the absence of cars promotes the use of public transport and activities such as cycling and walking, which all 5 _____ considerably to the 6 _____ of traffic emissions. This argument, from my perspective, is 7 _____, because of two facts. The first is that a few days without cars out of 365 days of the year may help cut down as little as one percent of the annual amount of traffic 8 _____, so the assertion that this 9 _____ reduction is 10 _____ is a 11 _____. The second is that this solution does not limit the massive amount of air 12 _____ being released from industrial zones. It is therefore a one-sided approach and arguably not an effective way to address the problem of air pollution.

There are, in my opinion, better measures to minimise air pollution. One of them is constructing dedicated lanes for public means of transport. These lanes 13 _____ that public transport is relatively faster than individual vehicles in rush hours, which may encourage a majority of commuters to 14 _____ their personal vehicles in favour of mass transit. The implication is that motor vehicle use may be reduced throughout the year, which 15 _____ a 16 _____ impact on minimising traffic fumes than international car free days may do. Another measure is 17 _____ a tax on carbon usage in all areas, including transport and industrial production. This measure has been adopted in several countries including the United Kingdom, and has proven its effectiveness as a 18 _____ approach to 19 _____ in all fields.

To sum up, I believe the organisation of world car free days may produce little effect on protecting the atmosphere. Other solutions, namely building 20 _____ lanes for public vehicles and taxing all industries on carbon usage, produce more sustainable effects on a larger scale.

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