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# READING: Smoke Here and Go to Jail

## Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

1. quit (v.)	<u>E</u>	A. almost
2. in public	_____	B. for example, taxis and buses
3. fine (n.)	_____	C. something you can see in many places
4. government official	_____	D. in a place where there may be many people
5. vehicles	_____	E. to stop doing something
6. international	_____	F. a person who works for the government
7. common	_____	G. money you must pay for doing something bad
8. nearly	_____	H. in more than just one country

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense when necessary.

- I am nearly twenty years old. My birthday is next week.
- Smart phones are very \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays. Most people have one.
- There are many \_\_\_\_\_ on the road after people finish work.
- I had to pay a \_\_\_\_\_ because I lost a library book.
- Don't give up! Don't \_\_\_\_\_! I know we can win the game!
- My uncle is a \_\_\_\_\_. He works in a big government building.
- You shouldn't make too much noise \_\_\_\_\_. You will disturb people.
- The Olympics is a big \_\_\_\_\_ sports event.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

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- \_\_\_\_\_

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## READING

Topics: Smoking / Health and Medicine

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Everyone knows that smoking is bad for your health. However, many people continue to smoke because it's very difficult to **quit**. Now, in the Philippines, there may soon be a new law that will help smokers to **quit**. When police find people who smoke **in public** in the Philippines, they may have to pay a **fine** of 5,000 Philippine pesos (US\$103). If they don't want to pay the money, or if they don't have the money, they will go to jail for four months. One **government official** said that, in addition to buildings, public places include 'parks, bus stations, and even in [public] **vehicles**.' This news is bad news for big **international** companies that sell so many cigarettes in Southeast Asia. For many people in the Philippines, however, this is a great idea because smoking is so **common** there. In fact, **nearly** half of all men smoke in the Philippines.

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## How Much Do You Understand?

- According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The article is about a new law in the Philippines.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Many people smoke because they know it's bad for their health.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ One package of cigarettes in the Philippines costs 5,000 pesos.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Smokers may have to go to jail if they smoke in public.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Cigarette companies are probably not happy about the new law.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Nearly half of all people smoke in the Philippines.

## Discuss

- Discuss the following questions with your classmates.

1. Do you smoke? Why? / Why not?
2. Why do so many people smoke?
3. Do you think the new law is a good idea? Why? / Why not?

## Write

- Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.