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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.

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| 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.

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

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

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2. _____

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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.*
