

worksheet

level 1

Try not to look at the transcript while doing these exercises! Always read the instructions and all the information in the tasks before listening. Listen as many times as you like.

Up in smoke

- 1 Before listening: answer these questions.
 - a Do you smoke? If 'yes' do you want to give up?
 - b How much is a packet of cigarettes in your country?
 - c Can you smoke anywhere in your country, or are there restrictions?
 - d Are there advertisements for cigarettes on the TV or in magazines?
 - e Do you think smoking in public places should be banned?
- 2 Listen for general meaning: listen to the whole podcast. Underline the correct word in these sentences.

Italy / Ireland / England was the first country to ban smoking, this
was / wasn't a success.
Many / a few other countries in the world also have smoking restrictions.

- 3 Listen for detail: listen to the podcast again and match a statement with a country. Careful - there are two countries you don't need.

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a	The last country in the UK to ban smoking in public places	US
b	The second country in the world to ban smoking in public places	Italy
c	A country that has banned smoking on a beach	Norway
d	A country that has banned the sale of tobacco	Iran
e	A country whose leader stopped smoking	France
f	A country that banned smoking in work places in 2007	England
g	A country who banned smoking in January 2005	Cuba
h	A country where a packet of cigarettes costs more than \$10	Bhutan
		Australia

- 4 Listen for detail: are the following sentences true or false?
 - a 50 million people die every year because of smoking.
 - b The ban on smoking in public places in England starts on 31 July.
 - c After the ban people can still smoke at home.
 - d The Republic of Ireland ban started in 2004.
 - e Before the ban in Ireland, businesses were worried about losing money.
 - f You can still smoke on buses in Ireland.
 - g The name for the end of the cigarette is a 'butt'.
 - h Fidel Castro stopped smoking in 1996.
 - i Richard doesn't smoke.
 - j Another word for cigarettes is 'fags'.
 - k Pie membership costs the same as two packets of cigarettes in the UK.

- 5 After listening: why not email us and tell us what you think!

answers

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Why not look at the transcript before checking your answers?

- 2 *Italy / Ireland / England* was the first country to ban smoking, this
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- 4 a false b false c true d true e true f false g true h false
 i true, but this is very informal and is not used in the US j true k false

- 5 After listening: complete the following sentences with your opinion, and
then write to us at richard@podcastsineenglish.com and tell us what you think!

I think it's a *good* / *bad* idea to ban smoking in public places because _____
