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## **Level 4**

# **Beijing introduces tough smoking ban**

**3rd June, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150603-smoking-4.html>

A tough new smoking ban started in China's capital city Beijing on June the 1st, which is also World No Tobacco Day. The World Health Organization (WHO) was happy. The law bans smoking in indoor public places, on public transport and in workplaces. Anyone who smokes in these places will get a big fine. Restaurant owners will get a heavy fine if people smoke in restaurants. The public is being asked to report anyone who smokes in public.

A WHO spokesperson said: "We applauded Beijing for its strong and determined leadership in protecting the health of its people by making public places smoke-free. We are delighted to be formally recognising...Beijing." There are 300 million smokers in China - almost the same size as the population of the USA. China is also the world's biggest tobacco producer. More than one million Chinese die each year from diseases caused by smoking.

Sources: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-05/31/c\\_134284971.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2015-05/31/c_134284971.htm)  
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-05-29/beijing-s-about-to-roll-out-its-harsh-smoking-ban-ever>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150603-smoking-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A tough new              | a. in these places      |
| 2. China's capital          | b. indoor public places |
| 3. World No                 | c. smoking ban          |
| 4. The law bans smoking in  | d. city                 |
| 5. on public                | e. fine                 |
| 6. Anyone who smokes        | f. transport            |
| 7. owners will get a heavy  | g. in public            |
| 8. report anyone who smokes | h. Tobacco Day          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A WHO                           | a. recognizing Beijing   |
| 2. its strong and                  | b. free                  |
| 3. protecting the health           | c. spokesperson          |
| 4. making public places smoke-     | d. by smoking            |
| 5. We are delighted to be formally | e. population of the USA |
| 6. There are 300 million           | f. determined leadership |
| 7. the same size as the            | g. of its people         |
| 8. diseases caused                 | h. smokers in China      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150603-smoking-4.html>

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ ban started in China's capital city Beijing on June the 1st, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ World No Tobacco Day. The World Health Organization (WHO) was happy. The law bans (3) \_\_\_\_\_ public places, on public transport (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Anyone who smokes in these places (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Restaurant owners will get a heavy fine if people smoke in restaurants. The public is being asked to report anyone (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

A WHO spokesperson said: "We applauded Beijing (7) \_\_\_\_\_ determined leadership (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of its people by making public places smoke-free. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ be formally recognising...Beijing." There (10) \_\_\_\_\_ smokers in China - almost (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the population of the USA. China is also the world's biggest tobacco producer. More than one million Chinese (12) \_\_\_\_\_ diseases caused by smoking.

# SMOKING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1506/150603-smoking-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about smoking in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

