

# **New Internationalist**

The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice



## **Fighting for India's health**

NEW INTERNATIONALIST EASIER ENGLISH  
INTERMEDIATE READY LESSON

# This lesson:

Vocabulary

Reading

Grammar



# Match the words to the picture or the meanings

1/ arteries

2/ amputate

3/ operating  
theatre

4/ lethal

5/ malnourished

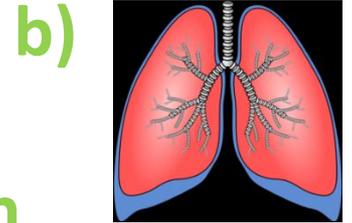
6/ tobacco lobby

7/ lungs

8/ campaign

9/ adivasis

a) groups who talk to government  
to get their help with sales of  
their cigarettes



c) protest

d) something which can  
kill you is \_\_\_\_\_

e) parts of the body which carry  
blood

f) cut off an arm or leg

g) room in a hospital for operations

h) someone who does not get  
enough food or of the right food  
can be \_\_\_\_\_

i) first peoples of India



**Why do people smoke?**

**What are the problems with smoking?**



**Take 20 seconds to read the first three paragraphs of the article and find the answer to this question:**

**Is the article about the effects of smoking in India?**

**About twenty years ago you couldn't buy imported cigarettes in India. Then I used to buy duty-free cigarettes for my friends who loved Dunhill, Benson & Hedges or Marlboro. Now I wish I hadn't.**

**I stopped in 1984, when I met a 21-year-old adivasi boy. His arteries had become hard and the doctors had to amputate his leg. My husband Stan carried him into the operating theatre and we both cried. A little later, the boy lost his second leg and then he killed himself.**

**That sounds very unusual. But we saw many adivasis who had amputations because of tobacco. I'm not sure why. Maybe tobacco is more lethal if you have a malnourished body and this starts a very bad reaction**



Mari wrote the article. Put the sentences in the order they happened:

- a) She decided not to buy cigarettes..
- b) The Indian boy committed suicide.
- c) She regretted buying cigarettes for her friends.
- d) She met an Indian boy who smoked.
- e) She bought cigarettes for her friends.
- f) She met many Indian boys who lost their legs.
- g) The Indian boy had two operations.

Read the next part of the article. Are these sentences true or false?



- 1) *Giant Killers* is part of the campaign against cigarettes.
- 2) 30 years ago everyone was interested in the campaign.
- 3) In India today there is a big campaign against cigarettes.

**In 1991, I met David Cohen, co-author of an anti-tobacco book called *Giant Killers*. David and others fought big legal battles against the tobacco lobby in the US. Everyone could see how much damage tobacco was doing – so many deaths from cancer, lung damage and very big health costs. And all to make more money for the tobacco industry. The problem was that no-one wanted to listen, not the government, the industry, or people who use tobacco.**

**Thirty years later, I am happy to see a similar battle in India. The Institute of Public Health (IPH), started by Doctors Roopa and Narayanan Devadasan, is fighting for India's health. The anti-tobacco campaign is one of their many fights. And they already have some good results.**

Answer the questions about a sentence from the article:

About twenty years ago you couldn't buy imported cigarettes in India. *Then I used to buy duty-free cigarettes for my friends* who loved Dunhill, Benson & Hedges or Marlboro. Now I wish I hadn't.

- 1) Is this about the past, present, or future?
- 2) Did she buy cigarettes more than once?
- 3) Has she stopped buying cigarettes?
- 4) Is *used to* followed by the infinitive?

Make as many true sentences as you can from the words below:

there    **be**    as many    unemployment  
inequality    **didn't**    fewer    as much  
slavery    global warming    less    used to  
use    colonies    more    wars    the UK  
**have**    food allergies    people    **smoke**

# Homework

Read the following articles  
about India:



## **No more junk food in Indian schools!**

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/No more junk food in Indian schools!](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/No_more_junk_food_in_Indian_schools!)

## **The price of the “right” to alcohol**

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/The price of the %22right%22 to alcohol](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/The_price_of_the_%22right%22_to_alcohol)

