



132. Smoking

W: Sarah, what could you tell us about tobacco?

Sarah: do you mean smoking tobacco?

W: yes.

Sarah: well nobody disputes the harmful effects of smoking; it can seriously damage your health, smoking when pregnant harms your baby, and not only can cigarette smoking cause lung cancer, but it also cause heart disease and emphysema.

W: Very true, but you forgot one essential thing: tobacco causes a strong addiction, and it is necessary to curb teen smoking because the earlier you start smoking, the more likely you are to be a life-long smoker.

Sarah: actually, the government has decided to launch a new crusade against cigarette smoking. There are more and more no smoking areas everywhere and there are new laws to create a smoke-free environment at work.

W: Well I even think that smoking is now banned in all French trains, restaurants, and any public areas. On top of that, swingeing increases in cigarette prices seem to have a major deterrent effect.

Sarah: I don't think so. For me, rather than discouraging consumption, the new taxes may simply encourage massive smuggling of cigarettes throughout Europe. It's all very hypocritical, just like America who is fighting tobacco addiction at home but is the biggest exporter of lung cancer.

W: That's a good image for a sad fact indeed.

GLOSSARY:

Smoking: fumer	A life-long smoker: fumer toute sa vie
To dispute: contester, discuter	A crusade: une croisade
To damage: affecter, endommager	No smoking areas: espaces non fumeurs
To harm: nuire	New laws: de nouvelles lois
To cause: causer	A smoke-free environment: un environnement sans tabac
To curb: enrayer, controller	Public areas: les lieux publics
To launch: lancer	Swingeing increases: des hausses considérables
To ban: interdire	Prices: les prix
To discourage: décourager	A deterrent effect: un effet dissuasif
To encourage: encourager	Consumption: la consommation
To fight/fought/fought: se battre	New taxes: de nouvelles taxes
Tobacco: le tabac	Massive smuggling: la contrebande massive
The harmful effects: les effets nocifs	Tobacco addiction: le tabagisme
Health: la santé	The biggest exporter: le plus gros exportateur
Pregnant: enceinte	A good image: une bonne image
Cigarette: la cigarette	A sad fact: un triste fait
Lung cancer: le cancer du poumon	Throughout: à travers, partout
Heart disease : des maladies cardiaques	Hypocritical: hypocrite
Emphysema : de l'emphysème	
One essential thing : une chose essentielle	
A strong addiction : une forte dépendance	
Teen smoking : le tabagisme des jeunes	
The earlier : le plus tôt	
The more likely : plus on a tendance, plus il est probable	



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