

Worksheet 3

TEACHER'S NOTES

WORLD CANCER DAY – THE TEXT

World Cancer Day falls on February the 4th each year. It aims to draw attention to the effect cancer has on the lives of millions around the world. Around 7 million people die each year from the different types of cancer. Eleven million new cases are reported annually. World Cancer Day started in 2005 as part of the World Cancer Campaign. It followed the World Summit Against Cancer in the New Millennium, which took place in 2000. Many international organizations hold awareness campaigns and fundraising events on this day. In particular, the World Health Organization and the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) are very active. In 2008, the UICC promoted the "I love my smoke-free childhood year" against passive smoking.

Cancer is the growth and spread of damaged cells in the body that destroy or kill healthy cells. It can affect almost any part of the body. Common types of cancer include lung cancer, breast cancer and stomach cancer. People can reduce the risk of getting cancer by avoiding common risk factors such as tobacco and drinking alcohol. Smoking is one of the biggest causes of lung cancer. Not all cancers will kill you. Many can be cured by surgery or by treatments such as chemotherapy. Cancer is the world's biggest killer. It kills more people than AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria put together. Many deaths can be avoided. With adequate funding, health authorities could prevent 40% of all cancers and cure 30% of those caught early.

Exercise 2

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0503/050318-sunbeds.html>

1. GAP-FILL: Put the words on the right into the gaps.

Sunbed cancer risk for teens

A World Health Organization (WHO) press release has warned _____ the use of sunbeds, highlighting the risks they pose of developing deadly skin cancers. They particularly recommend teenagers avoid sunbed use, "It is known that young people who get _____ from exposure to ultraviolet will have a greater risk of developing melanoma [the most dangerous form of skin cancer] later in life." Research proves there is a _____ link between the use of sunbeds and cancer. The press release warns that "some sunbeds have the _____ to emit levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation many times stronger than the mid-day summer sun". Despite this little-known fact, sunbeds remain very popular with young people, especially women. Teenagers have become obsessed with getting or maintaining

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