

Course: Advance

Level 2

Day №27

***How's the population in your country?
What does the news say about it?***



Situation: This a news program on a radio station. The announcer is Reporting a new law about family planning. Read the report.

We now turn to national news on FM 88.9 News Central Radio. The Prime Minister has just signed the new government policy on family planning into law. The family-planning policy was approved after six weeks of debate in the government.

Here are the highlights of the new family planning policy. First and perhaps most important, all married couples must have at least one child after two years of marriage.

The new law states that there is a penalty for married couples that don't have a child. Each childless couple must pay a fine of 15,000 euros. The money that is collected from childless couples will be paid to parents who have a second child. So if a married couple has a second child, they will get 15,000 euros.

In addition, the new law signed by the minister calls for unmarried couples to have a child. After a man and a woman lived together for two years, they will be considered to be husband and wife. And they have to have a child. If they do not have a child by the third year, they must pay A fine of 15,000 euros.

The prime minister says that this new law will stop the declining population of our country. The Number of babies born last year was the lowest in history. The prime minister says we have to increase the country's birth rate or we will slowly lose our population, until there are only old people.

Some people don't like the new family planning policy. They say that the government should not control the size of the families.

Choose the correct answer.

1. All married couples must have:
 - a. at least one child
 - b. two children
 - c. three children
2. If a married couple has two children, the couple will:
 - a. pay a fine of 15,000 euros
 - b. receive 15,000 euros
 - c. receive a letter from the prime minister
3. Unmarried couples must have a child:
 - a. after living together for a year
 - b. after living together for two years
 - c. after living together for three years
4. The prime minister says that this new law will:
 - a. raise money for child care.
 - b. increase the country's birth rate.
 - c. help childless couples
5. Some people don't like the new family-planning policy because:
 - a. it will increase the country's birth rate but it will hurt poor people
 - c. the government should not control the size of families.





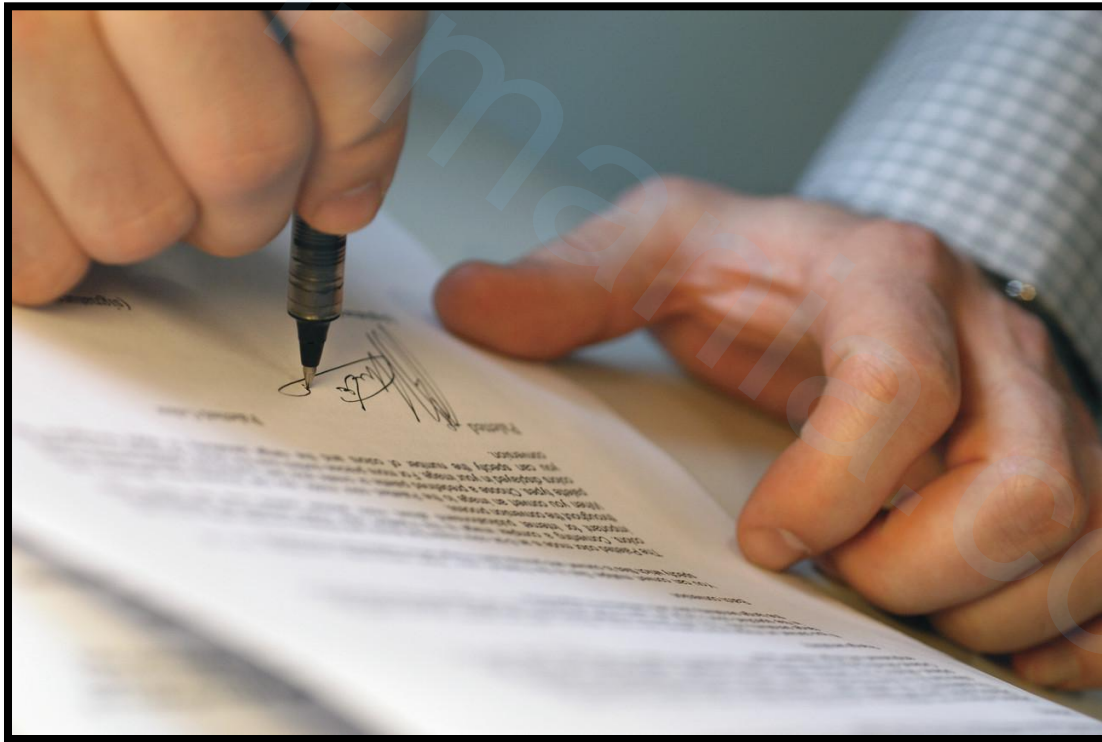
Let's do a role-play!

You have just heard the news
and we went out for coffee.
I am your married friend who
is childless.

How are you going to relate the
news to me?

How will you tell the news in a
positive way?

“What was the policy that the prime minister just signed in the news article?”





Luis



The government should control the country's population.

Children need to have parents who want them. Not all people are good parents.



Yeon-Suk



Susan



We need to let people from other countries come to our country. This will increase our population.

The government should not make couples have children. Overpopulation is a major cause of environmental problems.

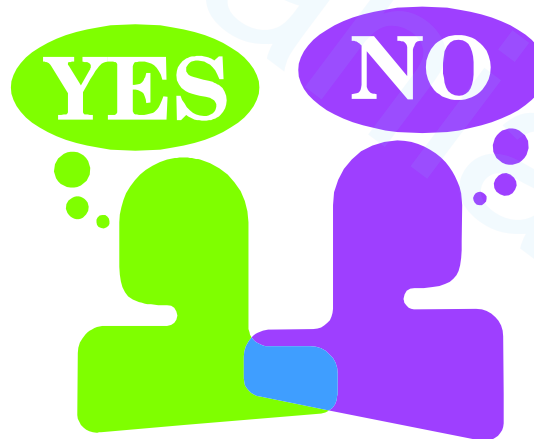


Ken

“What is the current population policy of your country?

Do you agree with it?

Why or why not?



***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***