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## **Statue of Belgian King taken down after protests**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

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# WARM-UPS

**1. STATUES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about statues. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

statue / king / anti-racism / ruler / protestor / cheered / museum / square / collection  
online / petition / memory / responsible / crime / space / fortune / plantations / slave

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. REMOVAL:** Students A **strongly** believe all statues of anyone with a racist past should be removed; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. DESIGN A STATUE:** What kind of statue would you design for these things? What would you call it? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The Design	Its Name	Why?
Anti-racism			
English			
The environment			
Peace			
Love			
Chocolate			

**5. MUSEUM:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "museum". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. STATUE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best statue at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Statue of Liberty
- Venus de Milo
- The Thinker
- Christ the Redeemer
- Buddha of Bamyan
- Discobolus
- Easter Island Moai
- Sphinx

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 1. former    | a. A person controlling a country (like a king, queen, sheikh, emir, empress, etc.).  |
| 2. covered   | b. Having had or been in a role before.   |
| 3. ruler     | c. A person who walks in the street (sometimes with a sign, sometimes shouting slogans, sometimes sitting down quietly) because they are unhappy with the government. |
| 4. protestor | d. Shout for happiness or to encourage people to do something.  |
| 5. cheered   | e. Put something on top of something else to keep it safe, hide it, paint it, etc.  |
| 6. officials | f. Stay; continue to be the same.   |
| 7. remain    | g. People who have some power to change things in the government or other organisation, or in a company.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. petition    | h. Having a duty to do something, or having control over or care for someone, as part of one's job or role. |
| 9. responsible | i. Very, very, very big.  |
| 10. reign      | j. A formal written request signed by many people to get something to change.                               |
| 11. humanity   | k. The period during which a king, queen, etc. rules.   |
| 12. huge       | l. A very large amount of money or things.  |
| 13. fortune    | m. All of the people in the world thought of as a group.  |
| 14. plantation | n. A kind of large farm on which crops such as coffee, sugar, bananas, rubber, etc. are grown.              |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Someone put paint over a statue of a former king of Belgium. **T / F**
- b. King Leopold II ruled Belgium in the 19th and 20th centuries. **T / F**
- c. Many people booed when the statue of King Leopold II came down. **T / F**
- d. The statue will probably be put in a museum. **T / F**
- e. Over half a million people signed an online petition. **T / F**
- f. Historians say King Leopold II was responsible for 10 million deaths. **T / F**
- g. King Leopold II only visited the Congo once. **T / F**
- h. King Leopold II made a lot of money from rubber plantations. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>former</b>      | a. rule          |
| 2. <b>protestors</b>  | b. stay          |
| 3. <b>removed</b>     | c. to blame      |
| 4. <b>ruler</b>       | d. governed      |
| 5. <b>remain</b>      | e. demonstrators |
| 6. <b>responsible</b> | f. riches        |
| 7. <b>reign</b>       | g. taken away    |
| 8. <b>term</b>        | h. ex-           |
| 9. <b>fortune</b>     | i. phrase        |
| 10. <b>ran</b>        | j. leader        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A statue of a former       | a. fortune             |
| 2. pulled down by anti-racism | b. museum's collection |
| 3. It was removed from its    | c. for the deaths      |
| 4. protestors cheered as the  | d. an online petition  |
| 5. It will remain part of the | e. protestors          |
| 6. 64,000 people signed       | f. pedestal            |
| 7. he was responsible         | g. humanity            |
| 8. crime against              | h. Belgian king        |
| 9. He made a huge personal    | i. ran the Congo       |
| 10. the people who            | j. statue came down    |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

A statue of a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Belgian king was covered in paint and then pulled down by anti-racism (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The statue was of King Leopold II, who was King of the Belgians from 1865 to 1909. He was also (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Congo Free State in Africa from 1885 to 1908. A statue of him in the Belgian city of Antwerp was attacked by protestors over the weekend. It was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from its pedestal on Tuesday. Hundreds of protestors (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as the statue came down. City officials say they will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ put the statue in a city museum. A city official said: "The square where the statue (7) \_\_\_\_\_ will be redesigned in 2023. There will be no room for it there afterwards. It will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ part of the museum's collection."

*cheered*  
*ruler*  
*remain*  
*former*  
*removed*  
*stood*  
*protestors*  
*probably*

Over 64,000 people signed an online (9) \_\_\_\_\_ against the memory of Leopold on Tuesday. They want more people to know about what he did in the Congo. Historians say he was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for the deaths of more than 10 million Congolese people during his 23-year (11) \_\_\_\_\_. A newspaper said these deaths led to the first use of the term, "crime against (12) \_\_\_\_\_". The petition said: "In the space of 23 years, this man killed more than 10 million Congolese without ever having set (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Congo." He made a huge personal (14) \_\_\_\_\_ from the rubber plantations he owned. Another petition was signed by 8,000 people. They believe he was not a "(15) \_\_\_\_\_ king" and that the people who ran the Congo led to the millions of (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*responsible*  
*reign*  
*slave*  
*foot*  
*petition*  
*deaths*  
*fortune*  
*humanity*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

- 1) a former Belgian king was covered in paint and then pulled down by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. anti-ray schism protestors
  - b. anti-racist protestations
  - c. anti-racism protestors
  - d. entry-racism protests
- 2) It was removed from its \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pedestal on Tuesday
  - b. pedal stall on Tuesday
  - c. paddle stall on Tuesday
  - d. pedestrian on Tuesday
- 3) City officials say they will probably put the statue in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a city museums
  - b. a city muse sum
  - c. a city muse um
  - d. a city museum
- 4) The square where the statue stood will \_\_\_\_\_ 2023
  - a. being redesigned in
  - b. been redesigned in
  - c. be redesigned in
  - d. bye redesigned in
- 5) no room for it there afterwards. It will remain part of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the museum's collection
  - b. the museum's collective
  - c. the museum's collect all
  - d. the museum's collector
- 6) Over 64,000 people signed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an online petting shun
  - b. an online pet tissue
  - c. an online partition
  - d. an online petition
- 7) the deaths of more than 10 million Congolese people during \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. his 23-year rain
  - b. his 23-year rune
  - c. his 23-year run
  - d. his 23-year reign
- 8) these deaths led to the first use of the term, "crime \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. against human
  - b. against humanity
  - c. against humane
  - d. against humanly
- 9) He made a huge personal fortune from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the rubber plantations
  - b. the rubber planters
  - c. the rubber plant nations
  - d. the rubber plan stations
- 10) a "slave king" and that the people who ran the Congo led to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. millions of death
  - b. millions of dying
  - c. millions of dearth
  - d. millions of deaths

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

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Over 64,000 people signed an online (7) \_\_\_\_\_ memory of Leopold on Tuesday. They want more people to know about what he did in the Congo. Historians say he was responsible (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of more than 10 million Congolese people during his 23-year reign. A newspaper said these deaths led to the first use of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ against humanity". The petition said: "In the space of 23 years, this man killed more than 10 million Congolese without ever (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Congo." He made a huge personal fortune from the rubber plantations he owned. Another petition (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 8,000 people. They believe he was not a "slave king" and that the people who ran the Congo led to the (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

1. What did protestors cover a statue of King Leopold II in?
2. When did King Leopold II start his reign as king?
3. In what Belgian city was the statue of King Leopold II?
4. What did protestors do as the statue of King Leopold II came down?
5. Where will the statue remain?
6. How many people signed a petition against the memory of the king?
7. Who said King Leopold II was responsible for over 10 million deaths?
8. What phrase did the 10 million deaths create?
9. What did King Leopold II make a huge fortune from?
10. Who did 8,000 people think were responsible for the 10 million deaths?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

- 1) What did protestors cover a statue of King Leopold II in?
  - a) a sheet
  - b) paint
  - c) a blanket
  - d) paper
- 2) When did King Leopold II start his reign as king?
  - a) 1864
  - b) 1909
  - c) 1823
  - d) 1865
- 3) In what Belgian city was the statue of King Leopold II?
  - a) Antwerp
  - b) Bruges
  - c) Brussels
  - d) Ghent
- 4) What did protestors do as the statue of King Leopold II came down?
  - a) booed
  - b) sat down
  - c) they cheered
  - d) remained silent
- 5) Where will the statue remain?
  - a) on the ground
  - b) in a museum
  - c) in storage
  - d) in the city hall
- 6) How many people signed a petition against the memory of the king?
  - a) over 64,000
  - b) exactly 64,000
  - c) around 64,000
  - d) just fewer than 64,000
- 7) Who said King Leopold II was responsible for over 10 million deaths?
  - a) the Congolese
  - b) a biographer
  - c) historians
  - d) protestors
- 8) What phrase did the 10 million deaths create?
  - a) crime against humanity
  - b) the Scramble for Africa
  - c) the dark old days
  - d) a stitch in time saves nine
- 9) What did King Leopold II make a huge fortune from?
  - a) rubber plantations
  - b) gold
  - c) diamonds
  - d) tea and tobacco
- 10) Who did 8,000 people think were responsible for the 10 million deaths?
  - a) King Leopold
  - b) plantation owners
  - c) other countries
  - d) the people who ran the Congo

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Statue of Liberty**

You think the Statue of Liberty is the world's greatest statue. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): the Easter Island Moai, the Venus de Milo or the Sphinx.

## **Role B – Easter Island Moai**

You think the Easter Island Moai is the world's greatest statue. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): Statue of Liberty, the Venus de Milo or the Sphinx.

## **Role C – The Venus de Milo**

You think the Venus de Milo is the world's greatest statue. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): the Easter Island Moai, Statue of Liberty or the Sphinx.

## **Role D – The Sphinx**

You think the Sphinx is the world's greatest statue. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their statues. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): the Easter Island Moai, the Venus de Milo or Statue of Liberty.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'king' and 'statue'.

<b>king</b>	<b>statue</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• former</li><li>• ruler</li><li>• over</li><li>• removed</li><li>• probably</li><li>• remain</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• memory</li><li>• know</li><li>• during</li><li>• crime</li><li>• foot</li><li>• millions</li></ul>
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# STATUES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

Write five GOOD questions about statues 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.

# STATUES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'statue'?
3. What do you know about the history of Congo?
4. What kinds of statues do you like?
5. Why do people create statues?
6. Why do towns put statues in their streets?
7. Are there any statues you dislike?
8. Should statues of slavers be pulled down?
9. Should there be statues of those with racist, sexist or homophobic views?
10. What should happen to the statue of King Leopold II?

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# STATUES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'king'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Have you ever signed a petition?
15. How much did you know about the deaths of the 10 million Congolese?
16. What should happen to those guilty of crimes against humanity?
17. What should happen to the fortunes made from enslaved people?
18. What do you know about black history?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask Belgium's king?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |              |              |              |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) covers   | (b) covering | (c) covered  | (d) cover    |
| 2.  | (a) ruler    | (b) rules    | (c) ruling   | (d) ruled    |
| 3.  | (a) him      | (b) his      | (c) he       | (d) them     |
| 4.  | (a) cheered  | (b) cheerio  | (c) cheers   | (d) cheery   |
| 5.  | (a) possible | (b) probably | (c) parable  | (d) palpably |
| 6.  | (a) trace    | (b) firm     | (c) standing | (d) remain   |
| 7.  | (a) book     | (b) response | (c) memory   | (d) target   |
| 8.  | (a) much     | (b) most     | (c) many     | (d) more     |
| 9.  | (a) crime    | (b) dime     | (c) grime    | (d) climb    |
| 10. | (a) set      | (b) let      | (c) bet      | (d) met      |
| 11. | (a) graphed  | (b) signed   | (c) housed   | (d) profiled |
| 12. | (a) run      | (b) running  | (c) ran      | (d) runner   |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. anti-casrim protestors
2. It was vromeed from its pedestal
3. Hundreds of protestors deheecr
4. put the tautes in a city museum
5. no room for it there fwaderrtas
6. part of the museum's eilocltcno

## Paragraph 2

7. people signed an online nitpeito
8. he was bpeisesnorl for the deaths
9. crime against taiyhmn
10. He made a huge personal noufetr
11. the rubber itsolanpatn he owned
12. They believe he was not a "alsev king"

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) people to know about what he did in the Congo. Historians say he was responsible for the
- ( ) by protestors over the weekend. It was removed from its pedestal on Tuesday. Hundreds of protestors
- ( ) ruler of the Congo Free State in Africa from 1885 to 1908. A statue of him in the Belgian city of Antwerp was attacked
- ( ) museum. A city official said: "The square where the statue stood will be redesigned
- ( ) cheered as the statue came down. City officials say they will probably put the statue in a city
- ( **1** ) A statue of a former Belgian king was covered in paint and then pulled down by anti-racism
- ( ) Over 64,000 people signed an online petition against the memory of Leopold on Tuesday. They want more
- ( ) deaths of more than 10 million Congolese people during his 23-year reign. A newspaper said these deaths led
- ( ) in 2023. There will be no room for it there afterwards. It will remain part of the museum's collection."
- ( ) than 10 million Congolese without ever having set foot in the Congo." He made a huge personal fortune from the rubber
- ( ) to the first use of the term, "crime against humanity". The petition said: "In the space of 23 years, this man killed more
- ( ) a "slave king" and that the people who ran the Congo led to the millions of deaths.
- ( ) plantations he owned. Another petition was signed by 8,000 people. They believe he was not
- ( ) protestors. The statue was of King Leopold II, who was King of the Belgians from 1865 to 1909. He was also

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue.html>

1. statue a king former of Belgian was A covered .
2. on its was pedestal removed from It Tuesday .
3. down . Protestors statue cheered the came as
4. there . no it will There room for be
5. of remain the will museum's It part collection .
6. was for responsible say deaths . Historians he the
7. the of humanity" . against use First term "crime
8. having in Without ever foot Congo . the set
9. signed Another was 8,000 people . by petition
10. not he was slave They a believe king .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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A statue of a *former / farmer* Belgian king was covered in paint and then pulled down by anti-racism *protest / protestors*. The statue was of King Leopold II, who was King of the Belgians from 1865 to 1909. He was also *ruler / rule* of the Congo Free State in Africa from 1885 to 1908. A statue of him in the Belgian city of Antwerp was *attacker / attacked* by protestors over the weekend. It was *removed / removal* from its pedestal on Tuesday. Hundreds of protestors *chaired / cheered* as the statue came *down / up*. City officials say they will *probably / probable* put the statue in a city museum. A city official said: "The square where the statue *knelt / stood* will be redesigned in 2023. There will be no room for it there afterwards. It will *remain / still* part of the museum's collection."

Over 64,000 people *signed / singed* an online petition against the memory of Leopold on Tuesday. They want more people to know about what he *bad / did* in the Congo. Historians say he was responsible *for / to* the deaths of more than 10 million Congolese people *between / during* his 23-year reign. A newspaper said these deaths led to the first *write / use* of the term, "crime against humanity". The petition said: "In the *gaps / space* of 23 years, this man killed more than 10 million Congolese *but / without* ever having set foot in the Congo." He made a huge personal *fortune / fortunate* from the rubber plantations he *owners / owned*. Another petition was signed by 8,000 people. They believe he was not a "slave king" and that the people who *ran / run the Congo* led to the millions of deaths.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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m \_ l l \_ \_ n s \_ f d \_ \_ t h s .

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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over 64000 people signed an online petition against the memory of leopold on tuesday they want more people to know about what he did in the Congo historians say he was responsible for the deaths of more than 10 million congolese people during his 23year reign a newspaper said these deaths led to the first use of the term crime against humanity the petition said in the space of 23 years this man killed more than 10 million congolese without ever having set foot in the congo he made a huge personal fortune from the rubber plantations he owned another petition was signed by 8000 people they believe he was not a slave king and that the people who ran the Congo led to the millions of deaths

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. STATUES:** Make a poster about statues. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. COLONIAL ERA STATUES:** Write a magazine article about removing all colonial-era statues. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on statues. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what to do with statues of people who made money from colonialism. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. e    3. a    4. c    5. d    6. g    7. f  
8. j    9. h    10. k    11. m    12. i    13. l    14. n

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T    b T    c F    d T    e F    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. e	3. g	4. j	5. b
6. c	7. a	8. i	9. f	10. d

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Paint
2. 1865
3. Antwerp
4. They cheered
5. In a museum
6. Over 64,000
7. Historians
8. Crime against humanity
9. Rubber plantations
10. The people who ran the Congo

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A statue of a former Belgian king was covered.
2. It was removed from its pedestal on Tuesday.
3. Protestors cheered as the statue came down.
4. There will be no room for it there.
5. It will remain part of the museum's collection.
6. Historians say he was responsible for the deaths.
7. First use of the term "crime against humanity".
8. Without ever having set foot in the Congo.
9. Another petition was signed by 8,000 people.
10. They believe he was not a slave king.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)