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Congo gold mining threatening endangered species

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

Species around the world are being increasingly threatened by human activity. Lamentably, hundreds of thousands of creatures have already become extinct as the result of humans' ever-increasing demands on Earth's resources. Gold mining in a national park in the Democratic Republic of Congo is putting at risk an animal called the okapi. The park is called the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The okapi is also called the forest giraffe as it is a relative of the giraffe. However, its neck is nowhere near as long as that of a giraffe's. It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped hind legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo that is being mined.

Conservationists have called for an immediate halt to the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining. They have urged the government to revoke the mining company's license, to "protect the unique forest ecosystem and the local communities that depend on it". The conservationists warned that: "Miners are literally eating the reserve out of its wildlife by hunting animals for food. There is almost no wildlife left around the mine itself, and wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns. There have even been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can still be saved."

Sources: <https://phys.org/news/2022-10-gold-threatens-forest-giraffe-dr.html>
<https://news.mongabay.com/2022/02/refuge-of-endangered-african-unicorn-threatened-by-mining-poaching-habitat-loss/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/live/world-africa-62845575>

WARM-UPS

1. GOLD MINING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about gold mining. 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?

species / human activity / creatures / gold / mining / threatened / okapi / giraffe / conservationist / unique / forest / ecosystem / wildlife / hunter / trafficking / ivory

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

3. NO MINING: Students A **strongly** believe all mining should be stopped; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. EARTH'S RESOURCES: How important are these resources? What is endangering them? What can we do to protect them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Important	Threats	Protection
Gold			
Coal			
Cocoa			
Tuna			
Water			
Trees			

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

6. MINED RESOURCES: Rank these with your partner. Put the resources that should be left in the ground at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Gold
- Coal
- Clay
- Chalk
- Salt
- Rare-earth metals
- Iron
- Diamond

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. species | a. Unfortunately or regrettably. |
| 2. lamentably | b. Of an animal, plant or other life form having no more living members; died out. |
| 3. creature | c. Especially of a bodily part - situated at the back; back. |
| 4. extinct | d. An animal, as distinct from a human being. |
| 5. demands | e. Marked with long, narrow bands of differing colour or texture from the ones either side. |
| 6. striped | f. A group of living things that are similar and can produce young together. |
| 7. hind | g. The non-stop desire of people, consumers, companies, etc. for a particular commodity, service, or other item. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. conservationist | h. A stopping of movement or activity. |
| 9. halt | i. Officially cancel. |
| 10. revoke | j. A hard white substance that forms the tusks of an elephant. |
| 11. depend | k. A protected area for wildlife. |
| 12. reserve | l. Need for financial or other support. |
| 13. trafficking | m. A person who speaks or acts for the protection and preservation of the environment and wildlife. |
| 14. ivory | n. Deal or trading in something illegal. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

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

1. The article says millions of creatures have become extinct. **T / F**
2. Gold mining is taking place outside a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **T / F**
3. The okapi is also called the zebra giraffe because it has stripes. **T / F**
4. The okapi is found all over central and southern Africa. **T / F**
5. Conservationists want the mining to be scaled down a little. **T / F**
6. Conservationists want the mining company's license revoked. **T / F**
7. Miners have killed many animals in the park so they can eat them. **T / F**
8. Hunters in the park are killing animals for ivory and skins. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. threatened | a. riches |
| 2. lamentably | b. remarkable |
| 3. extinct | c. rear |
| 4. resources | d. wiped out |
| 5. hind | e. hugely |
| 6. immediate | f. endangered |
| 7. revoke | g. instant |
| 8. massively | h. peddling |
| 9. trafficking | i. tragically |
| 10. unique | j. cancel |

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

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. Species around the world are being | a. mining company's license |
| 2. creatures have already | b. an animal called the okapi |
| 3. ever-increasing demands | c. trafficking okapi skins |
| 4. putting at risk | d. become extinct |
| 5. nowhere near | e. an immediate halt |
| 6. Conservationists have called for | f. out of its wildlife |
| 7. urged the government to revoke the | g. increasingly threatened |
| 8. Miners are literally eating the reserve | h. ivory |
| 9. cases of armed hunters | i. on Earth's resources |
| 10. elephant | j. as long |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

Species around the world are being (1) _____ threatened by human activity. Lamentably, hundreds of thousands of (2) _____ have already become extinct as the result of humans' ever-increasing demands on Earth's resources. Gold mining in a (3) _____ park in the Democratic Republic of Congo is putting at (4) _____ an animal called the okapi. The park is called the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The okapi is also called the forest giraffe as it is a (5) _____ of the giraffe. However, its neck is (6) _____ near as long as that of a giraffe's. It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its (7) _____ hind legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo that is being (8) _____.

risk
striped
creatures
mined
relative
increasingly
nowhere
national

Conservationists have called for an immediate (9) _____ to the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining. They have (10) _____ the government to revoke the mining company's license, to "protect the (11) _____ forest ecosystem and the local communities that depend on it". The conservationists warned that: "Miners are literally eating the (12) _____ out of its wildlife by hunting animals for food. There is almost no wildlife left around the mine (13) _____, and wildlife numbers are (14) _____ reduced around mining towns. There have even been (15) _____ of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant (16) _____ in and around the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can still be saved."

reserve
ivory
urged
itself
halt
cases
unique
massively

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

- 1) Species around the world are being increasingly threatened _____
 - a. by human activity
 - b. by human actively
 - c. by humane activity
 - d. by human vitality
- 2) Lamentably, hundreds of thousands of creatures have _____
 - a. already become extinct
 - b. already become extant
 - c. already become egg stink
 - d. already become ex-tincture
- 3) The okapi is also called the forest giraffe as it _____
 - a. is a relatives
 - b. is a relatively
 - c. is a relative
 - d. is a real tiff
- 4) It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its _____
 - a. stripped hind legs
 - b. striped hind leg
 - c. striped find legs
 - d. striped hind legs
- 5) The okapi is only found in the area of Congo that _____
 - a. is being mine
 - b. is being maimed
 - c. is being mined
 - d. is being named
- 6) Conservationists have called for _____
 - a. an immediate fault
 - b. an immediate hilt
 - c. an immediate halt
 - d. an immediate flat
- 7) They have urged the government to revoke the _____
 - a. mining company's lie sense
 - b. mining company's license
 - c. mining company's lice ants
 - d. mining company's lice sense
- 8) protect the unique forest ecosystem and the local communities that _____
 - a. depend in it
 - b. depend innit
 - c. depending it
 - d. depend on it
- 9) There is almost no wildlife left around _____
 - a. the mine it self
 - b. the mine it serves
 - c. the mine itself
 - d. the mine its shelf
- 10) There have even been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins _____
 - a. and elephant eye very
 - b. and elephant I've airy
 - c. and elephant library
 - d. and elephant ivory

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

1. What does the article say species are being threatened by?
2. Where in Congo is the gold mining taking place?
3. What part of the okapi is not as long as that of a giraffe?
4. Why is the okapi also called the zebra giraffe?
5. Where is the only place the okapi is found?
6. What do conservationists want to be revoked?
7. Who depends on the national reserve?
8. Why has so much wildlife disappeared around the mines?
9. What are hunters trafficking?
10. What might happen to the World Heritage Site if the government acts?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

- 1) What does the article say species are being threatened by?
 - a) climate change
 - b) human activity
 - c) demand for gold
 - d) predators
- 2) Where in Congo is the gold mining taking place?
 - a) all over
 - b) the north
 - c) in the mountains
 - d) the Okapi Wildlife Reserve
- 3) What part of the okapi is not as long as that of a giraffe?
 - a) its tail
 - b) its tongue
 - c) its neck
 - d) its DNA
- 4) Why is the okapi also called the zebra giraffe?
 - a) it has striped legs
 - b) it neighs like a zebra
 - c) it has stripes all over
 - d) it belongs to the zebra family
- 5) Where is the only place the okapi is found?
 - a) central Africa
 - b) the Okapi Wildlife Reserve
 - c) Congo and Burundi
 - d) Congo, Burundi and Rwanda
- 6) What do conservationists want to be revoked?
 - a) the mining company's license
 - b) climate change
 - c) all mining
 - d) gold
- 7) Who depends on the national reserve?
 - a) aid workers
 - b) farmers
 - c) local communities
 - d) teachers
- 8) Why has so much wildlife disappeared around the mines?
 - a) hunters killed it for food
 - b) climate change
 - c) deforestation
 - d) invasive species
- 9) What are hunters trafficking?
 - a) okapi skins and people
 - b) people and okapi skins
 - c) elephant ivory and people
 - d) elephant ivory and okapi skins
- 10) What might happen to the World Heritage Site if the government acts?
 - a) it could grow
 - b) it could close down
 - c) it might be saved
 - d) it could be the world's biggest gold mine

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

Role A – Gold

You think gold is the thing we most need to mine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their resources aren't needed as much. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): coal, rare-earth metals or salt.

Role B – Coal

You think coal is the thing we most need to mine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their resources aren't needed as much. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): gold, rare-earth metals or salt.

Role C – Rare-earth Metals

You think rare-earth metals are the thing we most need to mine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their resources aren't needed as much. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): coal, gold or salt.

Role D – Salt

You think salt is the thing we most need to mine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their resources aren't needed as much. Also, tell the others which is the least necessary of these (and why): coal, rare-earth metals or gold.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

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

gold	mine

- 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">• species• extinct• risk• forest• long• area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• immediate• revoke• depend• massively• ivory• now
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GOLD MINING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

Write five GOOD questions about gold mining 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.

GOLD MINING 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 'gold'?
3. What do you think of gold?
4. Why do we need mining?
5. How concerned are you about endangered species?
6. Should the Congo gold mine close down?
7. How many more species will become extinct?
8. What do you know about the okapi?
9. What can you do to help the okapi?
10. What advice do you have for the conservationists?

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GOLD MINING 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 'mining'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do we need gold?
15. What do you think of mining?
16. How do you feel when a species becomes extinct?
17. How can we stop species extinction?
18. What do you think of the trade in ivory?
19. Why is profit more important than the environment?
20. What questions would you like to ask the conservationists?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) bean | (b) be | (c) been | (d) being |
| 2. | (a) conclusion | (b) upshot | (c) solution | (d) result |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) to | (d) by |
| 4. | (a) relatively | (b) relations | (c) relative | (d) relate |
| 5. | (a) anywhere | (b) somewhere | (c) nowhere | (d) where |
| 6. | (a) hind | (b) bind | (c) rind | (d) find |
| 7. | (a) hilt | (b) halt | (c) shalt | (d) holt |
| 8. | (a) urged | (b) purged | (c) surged | (d) curbed |
| 9. | (a) it | (b) on | (c) of | (d) at |
| 10. | (a) laterally | (b) reality | (c) literally | (d) collaterally |
| 11. | (a) harmed | (b) balmy | (c) armed | (d) calmed |
| 12. | (a) gory | (b) peony | (c) ebony | (d) ivory |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. scieesp around the world
2. hundreds of thousands of suaccrete
3. already become tenxtci
4. The okapi is also called the forest ffiareg
5. it is a etveiral
6. due to its ditsrpe hind legs

Paragraph 2

7. rapidly xpgnaneid levels of mining
8. kevoer the mining company's license
9. protect the uuqnie forest ecosystem
10. ivesslamy reduced
11. armed hunters tcnkiigffar okapi skins
12. elephant vyiro

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () called the forest giraffe as it is a relative of the giraffe. However, its neck is nowhere
- () mining. They have urged the government to revoke the mining company's license, to "protect the unique
- () resources. Gold mining in a national park in the Democratic Republic of Congo is putting at
- () been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around
- () hind legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo that is being mined.
- (**1**) Species around the world are being increasingly threatened by human activity. Lamentably, hundreds of
- () Conservationists have called for an immediate halt to the "rapidly expanding" levels of
- () thousands of creatures have already become extinct as the result of humans' ever-increasing demands on Earth's
- () eating the reserve out of its wildlife by hunting animals for food. There is almost no wildlife left around the mine
- () risk an animal called the okapi. The park is called the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The okapi is also
- () itself, and wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns. There have even
- () forest ecosystem and the local communities that depend on it". The conservationists warned that: "Miners are literally
- () the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can still be saved."
- () near as long as that of a giraffe's. It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

1. increasingly the around are Species being world threatened .
2. have of creatures Thousands become already extinct .
3. resources . result of demands The humans' on ever-increasing
4. is as near Its long . neck nowhere
5. of Congo is being that The mined . area
6. for Conservationists halt . an have called immediate
7. company's government license . the the revoke to Urged
8. no There's almost around left the mine . wildlife
9. mining massively numbers Wildlife reduced towns . around are
10. skins . hunters trafficking armed cases Many of okapi

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining.html>

Species around the world are being *increasingly* / *increasing* threatened by human activity. Lamentably, hundreds of thousands of creatures have already become *extinct* / *extinction* as the result of humans' ever-increasing *demanding* / *demands* on Earth's resources. Gold mining in a national park in the Democratic Republic of Congo is putting *at* / *to* risk an animal called the okapi. The park is *called* / *calling* the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The okapi is also called the forest giraffe as it is a *relatively* / *relative* of the giraffe. However, its neck is *somewhere* / *nowhere* near as long as *that* / *what* of a giraffe's. It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped *bind* / *hind* legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo that is *being* / *having* mined.

Conservationists have called for an immediate *hilt* / *halt* to the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining. They have *purged* / *urged* the government to revoke the mining company's license, to "protect the *uniquely* / *unique* forest ecosystem and *a* / *the* local communities that depend on *them* / *it*". The conservationists warned that: "Miners are literally eating the *reverse* / *reserve* out of its wildlife by hunting animals for food. There is almost no wildlife left around the *ours* / *mine* itself, and wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns. There have even been cases of *harmed* / *armed* hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and *about* / *around* the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can still be *saving* / *saved*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

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

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Sp_c__s _r__nd th_ w_rld _r_ b__ng _ncr__s_ngly thr__t_n_d by h_m_n _ct_v_ty. L_m_nt_bly, h_ndr_ds _f th__snds _f cr__t_r_s h_v_ _lr__dy b_c_m_ _xt_nct _s th_ r_s_lt _f h_m_n's' _v_r-ncr__s_ng d_m_nds _n __rth's r_s__rc_s. G_ld m_n_ng _n _ n_t__n_l p_rk _n th_ D_m_cr_t_c R_p_b_l_c _f C_ng_ _s p_tt_ng _t r_sk _n _n_m_l c_ll_d th_ _k_p_. Th_ p_rk _s c_ll_d th_ _k_p_ W_ldl_f_ R_s_rv_. _t _s _ _N_SC_ W_rld H_r_t_g_ S_t_. Th_ _k_p_ _s _ls_ c_ll_d th_ f_r_st g_r_ff_ _s _t _s _ r_l_t_v_ _f th_ g_r_ff_. H_w_v_r, _ts n_ck _s n_wh_r_ n__r _s l_ng _s th_t _f _ g_r_ff_'s. _t _s _ls_ kn_wn _s th_ z_br_ g_r_ff_ d__t_ _ts str_p_d h_nd l_gs. Th_ _k_p_ _s _nly f__nd _n th_ _r__ _f C_ng_ th_t _s b__ng m_n_d.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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species around the world are being increasingly threatened by human activity lamentably hundreds of thousands of creatures have already become extinct as the result of humans everincreasing demands on earths resources gold mining in a national park in the democratic republic of congo is putting at risk an animal called the okapi the park is called the okapi wildlife reserve it is a unesco world heritage site the okapi is also called the forest giraffe as it is a relative of the giraffe however its neck is nowhere near as long as that of a giraffes it is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped hind legs the okapi is only found in the area of congo that is being mined

conservationists have called for an immediate halt to the rapidly expanding levels of mining they have urged the government to revoke the mining companys license to protect the unique forest ecosystem and the local communities that depend on it the conservationists warned that miners are literally eating the reserve out of its wildlife by hunting animals for food there is almost no wildlife left around the mine itself and wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns there have even been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around the mines they added that if the congo government acts now this unique world heritage site can still be saved

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Species around the world are being increasingly threatened by human activity. Lamentably, hundreds of thousands of creatures have already become extinct as the result of humans' ever-increasing demand on Earth's resources. Gold mining in a national park in the Democratic Republic of Congo is putting at risk an animal called the okapi. The park is called the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The okapi is also called the forest giraffe as it is a relative of the giraffe. However, its neck is now where near as long as that of a giraffe's. It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped hind legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo that is being mined. Conservationists have called for an immediate halt to the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining. They have urged the government to revoke the mining company's license, to "protect the unique forest ecosystem and the local communities that depend on it". The conservationists warned that: "Miners are literally eating the reserve out of its wildlife by hunting animals for food. There is almost no wildlife left around them in itself, and wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns. There have even been cases of farmed hunter trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can still be saved."

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. GOLD MINING: Make a poster about gold mining. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ENDANGERED SPECIES: Write a magazine article about stopping all activities that endanger flora and fauna. 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 gold mining. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Human activity
- The Okapi Wildlife Reserve
- Its neck
- It has striped legs
- The Okapi Wildlife Reserve
- The mining company's license
- Local communities
- Hunters killed it for food
- Elephant ivory and okapi skins
- It might be saved

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Species around the world are being increasingly threatened.
- Thousands of creatures have already become extinct.
- The result of humans' ever-increasing demands on resources.
- Its neck is nowhere near as long.
- The area of Congo that is being mined.
- Conservationists have called for an immediate halt.
- Urged the government to revoke the company's license.
- There's almost no wildlife left around the mine.
- Wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns.
- Many cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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