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## **Level 4**

### **Chile stops mining project to save penguins**

**24th August, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1708/170824-penguins-4.html>

Chile has rejected a billion-dollar mining project to protect marine life. A company wanted to mine an area that is home to 80 per cent of the world's Humboldt penguin, as well as blue whales, fin whales and sea otters. The Andes Iron mining company wanted to mine millions of tons of iron and build a new port. Chile's Environment Minister said development was good, but not at the cost of the environment, health, "or to unique ecological areas in the world".

Chile's National Mining Society said this was bad news. It said the project was essential for the economic development of the country. It would have created \$2.5 billion. The government said the company had not shown the full negative impact of the project and questioned the project's finances. It said basic information was missing and that compensation was too low, "meaning...the eventual impacts have not been properly taken care of".

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41007462>  
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-chile-hydropower-idUSKCN1B11CQ>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1708/170824-penguins-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Chile has rejected a billion-dollar | a. otters             |
| 2. protect marine                      | b. of the environment |
| 3. A company wanted to mine            | c. life               |
| 4. fin whales and sea                  | d. areas in the world |
| 5. mine millions                       | e. an area            |
| 6. build a new                         | f. of tons of iron    |
| 7. not at the cost                     | g. mining project     |
| 8. unique ecological                   | h. port               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. this was bad               | a. impact of the project |
| 2. essential for the economic | b. low                   |
| 3. It would have              | c. news                  |
| 4. shown the full negative    | d. care of               |
| 5. questioned the project's   | e. created \$2.5 billion |
| 6. It said basic information  | f. development           |
| 7. compensation was too       | g. was missing           |
| 8. been properly taken        | h. finances              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Chile (1) \_\_\_\_\_ billion-dollar mining project to protect marine life. A company wanted (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that is home to 80 per cent of the world's Humboldt penguin, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ whales, fin whales (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The Andes Iron mining company wanted to mine (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of iron and build a new port. Chile's Environment Minister said development was good, but not at (6) \_\_\_\_\_ environment, health, "or to unique ecological areas in the world".

Chile's National Mining Society (7) \_\_\_\_\_ bad news. It said the project (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the economic development of the country. It would have created \$2.5 billion. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ company had not shown the full (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the project and questioned the project's finances. It said basic information (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that compensation was too low, "meaning...the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ have not been properly taken care of".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PENGUINS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1708/170824-penguins-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about penguins 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

