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Level 1 – 11th May, 2020

Over 19,000 pieces of stolen artwork found

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200511-artwork-1.html>

World police worked to find lots of missing art. Detectives from Interpol and national police forces, and customs officers found over 19,000 bits of art. These include an ancient gold mask that is over 600 years old, a carved Roman lion, and centuries-old jewellery and ancient coins. Many items were stolen from museums. Many were taken from countries at war. Thieves took art treasures while countries were fighting civil wars or wars against other countries.

The police arrested 101 traffickers across the world. Police officers spent a long time online to find the art and the thieves. Interpol spoke about the size of their search. It said: "The number of arrests and objects shows the scale and global reach of this illicit trade....Every country with a rich heritage is a potential target....Organised crime has many faces." It said international criminal networks are trafficking the stolen art.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/07/stolen-artefacts-international-art-trafficking-crackdown>
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<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/19000-artifacts-recovered-international-antiquities-trafficking-sting-1-180974836/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200511-artwork-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. national police | a. treasures |
| 2. customs officers found over | b. old jewellery |
| 3. These include an ancient | c. countries |
| 4. centuries- | d. gold mask |
| 5. Many items were stolen | e. wars |
| 6. Thieves took art | f. 19,000 bits of art |
| 7. fighting civil | g. from museums |
| 8. wars against other | h. forces |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Police officers spent a long | a. faces |
| 2. Interpol spoke about the size | b. heritage |
| 3. The number | c. art |
| 4. Every country with a rich | d. of their search |
| 5. a potential | e. networks |
| 6. Organised crime has many | f. of arrests |
| 7. international criminal | g. target |
| 8. trafficking the stolen | h. time online |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200511-artwork-1.html>

World police worked (1) _____ of missing art. Detectives from Interpol and (2) _____, and customs officers found over 19,000 (3) _____. These include an ancient gold mask that is over 600 years old, a carved Roman lion, (4) _____ jewellery and ancient coins. Many (5) _____ from museums. Many were taken from countries at war. Thieves took art treasures while countries (6) _____ wars or wars against other countries.

The police arrested 101 traffickers (7) _____. Police officers spent a long (8) _____ find the art and the thieves. Interpol spoke about (9) _____ their search. It said: "The number of arrests and objects shows the scale (10) _____ of this illicit trade....Every country with a rich heritage is (11) _____....Organised crime has many faces." It said international criminal networks are trafficking (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ARTWORK SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200511-artwork-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about artwork 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) _____

