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Level 2 – 11th May, 2020

Over 19,000 pieces of stolen artwork found

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200511-artwork-2.html>

World police worked together to find lots of missing art. Detectives from Interpol, Europol, national police forces and customs officers found more than 19,000 items of artwork. These include an ancient Colombian gold mask that is over 600 years old. There was also a carved Roman lion, and centuries-old jewellery and ancient coins. Many items the police recovered were stolen from museums and archaeological sites. Many were taken from countries at war. The thieves took cultural treasures while countries were fighting civil wars or wars against other countries.

The police arrested 101 art traffickers in Spain, Colombia, Latvia, Afghanistan and Turkey. Police officers spent a long time checking online marketplaces to find the art and the thieves. Interpol spoke to journalists about the size of the operation. It said: "The number of arrests and objects shows the scale and global reach of the illicit trade in cultural artefacts....Every country with a rich heritage is a potential target....Organised crime has many faces. The trafficking of cultural goods is one of them. It is not a glamorous business run by...gentlemen forgers, but by international criminal networks."

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

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------|
| 1. find lots of missing | a. of artwork |
| 2. national police forces and customs | b. wars |
| 3. more than 19,000 items | c. coins |
| 4. an ancient Colombian | d. officers |
| 5. centuries-old jewellery and ancient | e. at war |
| 6. stolen from | f. art |
| 7. taken from countries | g. gold mask |
| 8. civil | h. museums |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. The police arrested 101 art | a. to journalists |
| 2. Police officers spent a long | b. potential target |
| 3. find the art and | c. networks |
| 4. Interpol spoke | d. traffickers |
| 5. The number | e. the thieves |
| 6. Every country with a rich heritage is a | f. business |
| 7. It is not a glamorous | g. of arrests |
| 8. international criminal | h. time checking |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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World police worked together (1) _____ of missing art. Detectives from Interpol, Europol, national police forces and customs officers (2) _____ 19,000 items of artwork. These (3) _____ Colombian gold mask that is over 600 years old. There was also a carved Roman lion, and centuries-old jewellery and ancient coins. Many items the police recovered were (4) _____ and archaeological sites. Many were taken from countries at war. The thieves (5) _____ while countries were fighting (6) _____ wars against other countries.

The police arrested 101 art traffickers in Spain, Colombia, Latvia, Afghanistan and Turkey. Police officers spent (7) _____ checking online marketplaces to find the art and the thieves. Interpol spoke to journalists (8) _____ of the operation. It said: "The number of arrests and objects shows the scale (9) _____ of the illicit trade in cultural artefacts....Every country with a rich heritage is (10) _____....Organised crime has many faces. The trafficking of cultural goods is (11) _____. It is not a glamorous business run by...gentlemen forgers, (12) _____ criminal networks."

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) _____

