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Level 0 – 12th June, 2020

Statue of Belgian King taken down after protests

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue-0.html>

Anti-racism protestors covered a statue of a king in paint. Workers pulled the statue down. The protestors cheered. King Leopold II was king from 1865 to 1909. He ruled the Congo Free State in Africa for 23 years. City officials will put his statue in a museum. They will not put it back in the city square.

Over 64,000 people signed a petition. It said, "this man killed more than 10 million Congolese" without ever even going to the Congo. It was a crime against humanity. They want people to know what happened in the Congo. Leopold made a lot of money from rubber plantations. Other people said Leopold was not a "slave king".

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/belgium-king-leopold-ii-statue-removed-in-antwerp-after-anti-racism-protests/a-53755021>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Anti-racism | a. down |
| 2. covered a statue | b. in a museum |
| 3. Workers pulled the statue | c. in Africa |
| 4. The protestors | d. protestors |
| 5. king from | e. the city square |
| 6. He ruled the Congo Free State | f. 1865 to 1909 |
| 7. put his statue | g. cheered |
| 8. put it back in | h. of a king |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. 64,000 people signed | a. to the Congo |
| 2. killed more than | b. plantations |
| 3. without ever even going | c. the Congo |
| 4. It was a crime | d. not a "slave king" |
| 5. what happened in | e. 10 million Congolese |
| 6. Leopold made a | f. against humanity |
| 7. rubber | g. lot of money |
| 8. Other people said Leopold was | h. a petition |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue-0.html>

Anti-racism protestors (1) _____ of a king in
paint. Workers pulled (2) _____. The protestors
cheered. King Leopold II was king from 1865 to 1909.
(3) _____ Congo Free State in Africa for 23
years. City (4) _____ his statue in a museum.
They (5) _____ it back in
(6) _____.

Over 64,000 people (7) _____. It said, "this man
(8) _____ 10 million Congolese" without
(9) _____ to the Congo. It was a
(10) _____. They want people to know what
happened in the Congo. Leopold (11) _____ of
money from rubber plantations. Other people said Leopold was
not (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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STATUES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2006/200612-king-leopold-ii-statue-4.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.

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) _____

