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**Level 4 – 16th September, 2020**

## **Mining CEO quits after destruction of ancient caves**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining-4.html>

The CEO of a mining company resigned after the destruction of sacred Aboriginal sites. The CEO of Rio Tinto has until March to empty his desk. He quit because of the anger created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Australia. They are sacred to indigenous people. Evidence shows people lived in them in the Stone Age. The company was mining for iron ore. The CEO said he could have made "better decisions".

The blasts caused global anger and damaged Rio Tinto's image. The mining was against the wishes of the traditional owners of the site. They said Tinto disregarded their traditions to get big profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to occur ever again." Rio Tinto apologised and said what happened was wrong. It said the destruction of a heritage site of such exceptional archaeological significance would never happen again.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/rio-tinto-ceo-steps-down-over-destruction-of-46-000-year-old-aboriginal-caves-12068732>  
<https://www.mining-technology.com/news/rio-tinto-ceo/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The CEO of a mining       | a. people           |
| 2. the destruction of sacred | b. desk             |
| 3. empty his                 | c. decisions        |
| 4. He quit because of        | d. in them          |
| 5. indigenous                | e. company resigned |
| 6. people lived              | f. ore              |
| 7. mining for iron           | g. Aboriginal sites |
| 8. better                    | h. the anger        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The blasts caused                  | a. significance       |
| 2. damaged Rio Tinto's                | b. traditional owners |
| 3. against the wishes of the          | c. of devastation     |
| 4. get big                            | d. site               |
| 5. allow this type                    | e. image              |
| 6. Rio Tinto                          | f. profits            |
| 7. a heritage                         | g. apologised         |
| 8. of such exceptional archaeological | h. global anger       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining-4.html>

The CEO of a mining company (1) \_\_\_\_\_ destruction of sacred Aboriginal sites. The CEO of Rio Tinto has until March to (2) \_\_\_\_\_. He quit because of the anger created by (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Australia. They (4) \_\_\_\_\_ indigenous people. Evidence shows people lived in them in (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The company was mining for iron ore. The CEO said he could have (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The blasts (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and damaged Rio Tinto's image. The mining was against the wishes of (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the site. They said Tinto disregarded their traditions to (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to (10) \_\_\_\_\_." Rio Tinto apologised and said what happened was wrong. It said (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a heritage site of such exceptional archaeological significance would (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MINING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about 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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

