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**Level 4 – 2nd May, 2021**

## Germany to return Benin Bronzes to Nigeria

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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/2105/210502-benin-bronzes-4.html>

Germany will give back artefacts taken from Nigeria during the 19th century. The Benin Bronzes are currently in a German museum. The Bronzes consist of more than a thousand sculptures and statues. The Edo people made them in what was the Kingdom of Benin. They decorated the royal palace there. British forces looted most of the objects in 1897. They went to museums across Europe. Nigeria has tried for decades to get them returned.

Experts say the pieces being returned are highly regarded works of African art. The Institute for Benin Studies said Germany is, "leading in the global restitution movement" of former colonial powers returning looted treasure. It said other countries should accept the objects looted in 1897 belong to Nigeria. Countries should discuss the future of the objects. Some Nigerians believe the objects are safer in Europe.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/nigeria-welcomes-germanys-decision-to-return-looted-benin-bronzes/a-57382591>  
<https://www.thenationalnews.com/arts-culture/germany-to-return-looted-bronzes-to-nigeria-next-year-1.1213865>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benin\\_Bronzes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benin_Bronzes)

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2105/210502-benin-bronzes-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. give back artefacts                | a. people made them    |
| 2. during the                         | b. and statues         |
| 3. The Benin Bronzes are currently in | c. most of the objects |
| 4. a thousand sculptures              | d. 19th century        |
| 5. The Edo                            | e. royal palace there  |
| 6. in what was the                    | f. taken from Nigeria  |
| 7. They decorated the                 | g. Kingdom of Benin    |
| 8. British forces looted              | h. a German museum     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. highly regarded works              | a. powers              |
| 2. the global restitution             | b. are safer in Europe |
| 3. former colonial                    | c. of African art      |
| 4. returning looted                   | d. in 1897             |
| 5. the objects looted                 | e. treasure            |
| 6. belong                             | f. of the objects      |
| 7. discuss the future                 | g. to Nigeria          |
| 8. Some Nigerians believe the objects | h. movement            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Germany will (1) \_\_\_\_\_ taken from Nigeria during the 19th century. The Benin Bronzes (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a German museum. The Bronzes (3) \_\_\_\_\_ than a thousand sculptures and statues. The Edo people made them (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom of Benin. They decorated the royal palace there. British (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the objects in 1897. They went to museums across Europe. Nigeria has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to get them returned.

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ pieces being returned (8) \_\_\_\_\_ works of African art. The Institute for Benin Studies said Germany is, "leading in the global restitution movement" of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ returning looted treasure. It said other countries should (10) \_\_\_\_\_ looted in 1897 belong to Nigeria. Countries should (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the objects. Some Nigerians believe the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# NIGERIA SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Nigeria 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) \_\_\_\_\_

