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Level 4 – 24th October, 2022

Congo gold mining threatening endangered species

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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/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining-4.html>

Species are increasingly threatened by human activity. Hundreds of thousands of creatures are already extinct because of our increasing demands on resources. Gold mining in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in Congo is putting at risk an animal called the okapi. This is also called the forest giraffe because it is a relative of the giraffe. However, its neck is nowhere near as long as that of a giraffe's. It is only found in the area of Congo where mining is taking place.

Conservationists want the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining to stop. They asked the government to remove the mining company's license, to "protect the unique forest ecosystem". They warned that: "There is almost no wildlife left around the mine, and wildlife numbers are massively reduced....There have even been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around the mines."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. threatened by | a. of the giraffe |
| 2. thousands of creatures are | b. taking place |
| 3. our increasing demands | c. as long |
| 4. at | d. already extinct |
| 5. This is also called the | e. risk |
| 6. it is a relative | f. human activity |
| 7. its neck is nowhere near | g. forest giraffe |
| 8. where mining is | h. on resources |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. rapidly expanding levels | a. left around the mine |
| 2. remove the mining company's | b. the mines |
| 3. protect the unique forest | c. massively reduced |
| 4. There is almost no wildlife | d. license |
| 5. wildlife numbers are | e. ivory |
| 6. armed hunters trafficking | f. of mining |
| 7. elephant | g. okapi skins |
| 8. in and around | h. ecosystem |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Species are increasingly (1) _____ activity. Hundreds of thousands of creatures (2) _____ because of our increasing (3) _____. Gold mining in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in Congo is (4) _____ an animal called the okapi. This is also called the forest giraffe because it is a relative of the giraffe. However, its (5) _____ near as long as that of a giraffe's. It is only found in the area of Congo where (6) _____ place.

Conservationists want (7) _____" levels of mining to stop. They asked the government (8) _____ mining company's license, to "(9) _____ forest ecosystem". They warned that: "There is (10) _____ left around the mine, and wildlife numbers (11) _____.There have even been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins (12) _____ in and around the mines."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GOLD MINING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about gold 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) _____

