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Level 5 – 24th October, 2022

Congo gold mining threatening endangered species

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Species are being increasingly threatened by human activity. Sadly, hundreds of thousands of creatures are already extinct as the result of humans' increasing demands on Earth's resources. Gold mining in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in Congo is putting at risk an animal called the okapi. The okapi 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 also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped hind legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo where mining is taking place.

Conservationists have called for a halt to the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining. They asked the government to revoke the mining company's license, to "protect the unique forest ecosystem and the local communities that depend on it". They warned that: "There is almost no wildlife left around the mine itself, and wildlife numbers are massively reduced around mining towns. There have even been cases of armed hunters trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can still be saved."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Species are being increasingly | a. hind legs |
| 2. thousands of creatures are | b. of the giraffe |
| 3. humans' increasing demands | c. near as long |
| 4. it is a relative | d. in the area |
| 5. its neck is nowhere | e. already extinct |
| 6. striped | f. on Earth's resources |
| 7. The okapi is only found | g. taking place |
| 8. where mining is | h. threatened |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Conservationists have called | a. reduced |
| 2. rapidly expanding levels | b. license |
| 3. revoke the mining company's | c. communities |
| 4. protect the unique forest | d. ivory |
| 5. the local | e. for a halt |
| 6. wildlife numbers are massively | f. hunters |
| 7. armed | g. of mining |
| 8. elephant | h. ecosystem |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Species are being increasingly threatened (1) _____. Sadly, hundreds of thousands of creatures are already (2) _____ result of humans' increasing demands on Earth's resources. Gold mining in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in Congo is (3) _____ an animal called the okapi. The okapi is also called the forest giraffe because it is a relative of the giraffe. However, its (4) _____ near as long as (5) _____ giraffe's. It is also known as the zebra giraffe due to its striped hind legs. The okapi is only found in the area of Congo where mining (6) _____.

Conservationists have called (7) _____ to the "rapidly expanding" levels of mining. They asked the government to revoke the mining company's (8) _____ the unique forest ecosystem and the local communities that (9) _____. They warned that: "There is almost no wildlife left around the mine itself, and (10) _____ massively reduced around mining towns. There have even been cases (11) _____ trafficking okapi skins and elephant ivory in and around the mines." They added that: "If the Congo government acts now, this unique World Heritage Site can (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GOLD MINING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2210/221024-congo-gold-mining-4.html>

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) _____

