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Library battles beetles to save 100,000 old books

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THE ARTICLE

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Tens of thousands of antique books are in danger. They are being eaten by beetles. The centuries-old books are being taken off the shelves of a library in a medieval abbey in Hungary. Pannonhalma Abbey was founded in the year 996. It is four years older than the Kingdom of Hungary. One of the books in danger is a complete Bible from the 13th century. There are also hundreds of manuscripts from before the invention of the printing press in the mid-15th century. Library staff are carefully putting the books and manuscripts in wooden boxes. The boxes are being sealed in large plastic sacks. The oxygen has been removed from the sacks. After six weeks without oxygen, all of the beetles should be dead.

The insect eating the priceless books is the drugstore beetle, also known as the bread beetle. It usually feeds on dried foodstuff, like wheat, flour and spices. The bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch-based glue that are used to make books. Library workers realized something was wrong when they found lots of dust on the bookshelves. The librarians then found holes in the books. These were caused by the beetles chewing through the paper. The person in charge of getting rid of the beetles said: "We've never encountered such a degree of infection before." She explained she felt a lot of responsibility for saving the books. She said if a book is ruined, "a piece of culture has been lost".

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WARM-UPS

1. LIBRARY BOOKS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about library books. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

antique book / in danger / beetles / library / Hungary / Bible / printing press / oxygen books / bugs / glue / bookshelves / paper / holes / infection / responsibility / culture

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DIGITAL BOOKS: Students A **strongly** believe digital books are better than library books; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. READING: What are the good and bad things about reading books in these places? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good / Bad	Why?
A library		
A park		
A train		
Your bedroom		
A beach		
A bookstore		

5. ANTIQUE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "antique". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. BOOKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best books at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Novels
- Cookery books
- Travel guides
- Encyclopaedia
- Atlases
- History books
- Comics and manga
- Grammar books

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. antique | a. A book or paper written by hand. |
| 2. century | b. Taken away. |
| 3. shelves | c. Very old and often special. |
| 4. medieval | d. 100 years. |
| 5. manuscript | e. From a long time ago, in the middle ages (500-1453). |
| 6. sealed | f. Closed so air cannot go in or out. |
| 7. removed | g. Flat boards to put things on. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. feed (verb) | h. Something you must take care of or do. |
| 9. glue (noun) | i. Biting food or something many times. |
| 10. realized | j. Tiny bits of dirt in the air or on things. |
| 11. dust (noun) | k. Give food to someone or something. |
| 12. chewing | l. Broken or destroyed so it cannot be used. |
| 13. responsibility | m. A sticky thing that joins things together. |
| 14. ruined | n. Suddenly understood something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says beetles are eating hundreds of thousands of books. **T / F**
2. The books are in a bookstore in Hungary. **T / F**
3. People are putting the books in plastic bags and removing the oxygen. **T / F**
4. The article said it should take about six weeks to kill the beetles. **T / F**
5. The article says the beetle is often found in drugstores. **T / F**
6. The beetle usually eats things like spices and flour. **T / F**
7. The beetles were discovered because of lots of dust on bookshelves. **T / F**
8. A librarian said if culture is ruined, a book is lost. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. antique | a. staff |
| 2. founded | b. documents |
| 3. in danger | c. munching |
| 4. manuscripts | d. eats |
| 5. removed | e. old |
| 6. feeds on | f. taken out |
| 7. workers | g. met |
| 8. chewing | h. started |
| 9. encountered | i. destroyed |
| 10. ruined | j. at risk |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. Tens of thousands of antique | a. something was wrong |
| 2. the shelves | b. in large plastic sacks |
| 3. the invention of | c. on dried foodstuff |
| 4. The boxes are being sealed | d. of a library |
| 5. after six weeks | e. of the beetles |
| 6. It usually feeds | f. without oxygen |
| 7. workers realized | g. books are in danger |
| 8. they found lots of | h. for saving the books |
| 9. The person in charge of getting rid | i. the printing press |
| 10. she felt a lot of responsibility | j. dust |

GAP FILL

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Tens of thousands of (1) _____ books are in danger. They are being eaten by beetles. The centuries-old books are being taken off the (2) _____ of a library in a medieval abbey in Hungary. Pannonhalma Abbey was (3) _____ in the year 996. It is four years older than the Kingdom of Hungary. One of the books in danger is a complete Bible from the 13th (4) _____. There are also hundreds of manuscripts from before the invention of the printing (5) _____ in the mid-15th century. Library staff are carefully putting the books and manuscripts in wooden (6) _____. The boxes are being sealed in large plastic sacks. The oxygen has been (7) _____ from the sacks. After six weeks without (8) _____, all of the beetles should be dead.

boxes

shelves

oxygen

founded

removed

press

antique

century

The insect eating the (9) _____ books is the drugstore beetle, also known as the bread beetle. It usually feeds on (10) _____ foodstuff, like wheat, flour and spices. The bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch-based (11) _____ that are used to make books. Library workers realized something was wrong when they found lots of (12) _____ on the bookshelves. The librarians then found holes in the books. These were caused by the beetles (13) _____ through the paper. The person in charge of getting (14) _____ of the beetles said: "We've never encountered such a degree of infection before." She explained she felt a lot of (15) _____ for saving the books. She said if a book is ruined, "a piece of culture has been (16) _____".

glue

chewing

lost

priceless

dust

responsibility

dried

rid

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Tens of thousands of antique books _____
 - a. are on danger
 - b. are in danger
 - c. are an danger
 - d. are un-danger
- 2) The centuries-old books are being taken off the shelves _____
 - a. off a library
 - b. oft a library
 - c. of a library
 - d. offer library
- 3) One of the books in danger is a complete Bible from _____
 - a. the 13th centurion
 - b. the 13th centuries
 - c. a 13th century
 - d. the 13th century
- 4) There are also hundreds of manuscripts from before the invention of _____
 - a. the printing pressed
 - b. the printing pressing
 - c. the printing presser
 - d. the printing press
- 5) After six weeks without oxygen, all of the beetles _____
 - a. should been dead
 - b. should being death
 - c. should be dead
 - d. should be death
- 6) It usually feeds on dried foodstuff, like wheat, _____
 - a. flour and species
 - b. flour and spices
 - c. flour and spaces
 - d. flour and spicey
- 7) Library workers realized something was wrong when they found _____
 - a. lots of dusty
 - b. lots of dusted
 - c. lots of duster
 - d. lots of dust
- 8) These were caused by the beetles chewing _____
 - a. through the paper
 - b. though the paper
 - c. thorough the paper
 - d. trough the paper
- 9) We've never encountered such a degree _____
 - a. of infecting before
 - b. of inflection before
 - c. of injection before
 - d. of infection before
- 10) She explained she felt a lot of responsibility for _____
 - a. save in the books
 - b. saved in the books
 - c. saving in the books
 - d. saving the books

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The insect (7) _____ books is the drugstore beetle, also known as the bread beetle. It usually feeds on dried foodstuff, like wheat, (8) _____. The bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch-based glue that are used to make books. Library workers realized something was wrong when they found (9) _____ on the bookshelves. The librarians then found holes in the books. These were caused by the beetles chewing through the paper. The (10) _____ of getting rid of the beetles said: "We've never encountered (11) _____ of infection before." She explained she felt a lot of responsibility for saving the books. She said if a book is ruined, "a (12) _____ has been lost".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

1. How many books does the article say are in danger?
2. What was created four years after Pannonhalma Abbey was founded?
3. When was the printing press invented?
4. What will workers put wooden boxes in?
5. How long will it take to kill the beetles?
6. What is the drugstore beetle also known as?
7. What does the drugstore beetle usually eat besides wheat and flour?
8. What did library staff find lots of on library shelves?
9. What did a member of the library staff feel a responsibility for?
10. What did the staff member say was lost if a book was ruined?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1) How many books does the article say are in danger?
a) millions
b) hundreds of thousands
c) tens of thousands
d) 12,782,583 | 6) What is the drugstore beetle also known as?
a) the book beetle
b) the bread beetle
c) the croissant beetle
d) the donut beetle |
| 2) What was created four years after Pannonhalma Abbey was founded?
a) the Kingdom of Hungary
b) the Great Library of Budapest
c) the Magyar University
d) the Danube Printing Press | 7) What does the drugstore beetle usually eat besides wheat and flour?
a) grass
b) drugs
c) wood
d) spices |
| 3) When was the printing press invented?
a) in the early 15 th century
b) in the mid-15 th century
c) in the early to mid-15 th century
d) in late 15 th century | 8) What did library staff find lots of on library shelves?
a) books
b) dust
c) dead beetles
d) beetle droppings |
| 4) What will workers put wooden boxes in?
a) a fire
b) a cave
c) a basement
d) plastic sacks | 9) What did a member of the library staff feel a responsibility for?
a) the beetles' welfare
b) saving the books
c) visitors to the library
d) the abbey |
| 5) How long will it take to kill the beetles?
a) six hours
b) six days
c) six weeks
d) six minutes | 10) What did the staff member say was lost if a book was ruined?
a) a piece of culture
b) a piece of history
c) a piece of paper
d) a piece of literature |

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Novels

You think novels are the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cookery books, grammar books or comics and manga.

Role B – Cookery Books

You think cookery books are the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): novels, grammar books or comics and manga.

Role C – Grammar Books

You think grammar books are the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cookery books, novels or comics and manga.

Role D – Comics and Manga

You think comics and manga are the best books. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their books. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): cookery books, grammar books or novels.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'book' and 'beetle'.

book	beetle

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tens• 996• four• 13• 15• six	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• priceless• bugs• wrong• caused• degree• culture
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LIBRARY BOOKS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about library books 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.

LIBRARY BOOKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'book'?
3. What do you think of books?
4. How important are libraries?
5. Should we do everything we can to protect old books?
6. What's the oldest book you have?
7. How did the printing press change the world?
8. Has an insect ever damaged something of yours?
9. What is the best way to protect very old books?
10. Is killing the beetles the best solution in this story?

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LIBRARY BOOKS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'beetle'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of antique books?
15. Would you like to be a librarian?
16. How would you feel if insects were chewing through your things?
17. How important are books to you?
18. Are paper books or digital books best?
19. What is the most important book in your country's culture?
20. What questions would you like to ask a librarian?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The insect eating the (7) _____ books is the drugstore beetle, also known as the bread beetle. It usually feeds on dried foodstuff, like wheat, flour and (8) _____. The bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch-based glue that are used to make books. Library workers realized something (9) _____ wrong when they found lots of dust on the bookshelves. The librarians then found holes in the books. These were caused (10) _____ the beetles chewing through the paper. The person in charge of getting rid of the beetles said: "We've never encountered such a degree of (11) _____ before." She explained she felt a lot of responsibility for saving the books. She said if a book is ruined, "a (12) _____ of culture has been lost".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) on | (d) in |
| 2. | (a) took | (b) taking | (c) take | (d) taken |
| 3. | (a) competitor | (b) complete | (c) competition | (d) compete |
| 4. | (a) invert | (b) convert | (c) invention | (d) switching |
| 5. | (a) seals | (b) seal | (c) sealed | (d) sealing |
| 6. | (a) dead | (b) death | (c) dies | (d) died |
| 7. | (a) priced | (b) priceless | (c) pricey | (d) price |
| 8. | (a) spices | (b) spiced | (c) spicy | (d) splice |
| 9. | (a) be | (b) was | (c) are | (d) were |
| 10. | (a) of | (b) by | (c) at | (d) something |
| 11. | (a) injection | (b) rejection | (c) infection | (d) intention |
| 12. | (a) appease | (b) peace | (c) peas | (d) piece |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

Paragraph 1

1. Tens of thousands of tquneai books
2. books are being taken off the hvesles
3. a complete Bible from the 13th unryect
4. before the ietnoinnv of the printing press
5. rlaibyr staff
6. After six weeks without noeyxg

Paragraph 2

7. The insect eating the celrsieps books
8. eat the gelatin and starch-based uegl
9. workers lzieeard something was wrong
10. caused by the beetles gnihcew through the paper
11. such a degree of noiifcetr
12. she felt a lot of borspsnyiteili

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () a lot of responsibility for saving the books. She said if a book is ruined, "a piece of culture has been lost".
- () boxes. The boxes are being sealed in large plastic sacks. The oxygen has been removed from
- () by the beetles chewing through the paper. The person in charge of getting
- () glue that are used to make books. Library workers realized something was wrong when they found lots
- () of dust on the bookshelves. The librarians then found holes in the books. These were caused
- () on dried foodstuff, like wheat, flour and spices. The bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch-based
- () press in the mid-15th century. Library staff are carefully putting the books and manuscripts in wooden
- () rid of the beetles said: "We've never encountered such a degree of infection before." She explained she felt
- () taken off the shelves of a library in a medieval abbey in Hungary. Pannonhalma Abbey was founded in the
- (**1**) Tens of thousands of antique books are in danger. They are being eaten by beetles. The centuries-old books are being
- () the 13th century. There are also hundreds of manuscripts from before the invention of the printing
- () The insect eating the priceless books is the drugstore beetle, also known as the bread beetle. It usually feeds
- () the sacks. After six weeks without oxygen, all of the beetles should be dead.
- () year 996. It is four years older than the Kingdom of Hungary. One of the books in danger is a complete Bible from

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

1. Thousands books antique of danger are in .
2. Books off being library shelves the taken are .
3. Before invention of the the press printing .
4. The has removed the oxygen from sacks been the .
5. All beetles dead of should the be .
6. The books insects the priceless eating are .
7. They lots bookshelves of dust on the found .
8. We've never degree such encountered of infection a .
9. She felt a explained lot she responsibility of .
10. A culture of piece been lost has .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

Tens of thousands of antique books are *on / in* danger. They are being eaten by beetles. The centuries-old books are being *taking / taken* off the shelves of a library in a medieval abbey in Hungary. Pannonhalma Abbey was *founded / finding* in the year 996. It is four years older than the Kingdom of Hungary. *One / Once* of the books in danger is a *completion / complete* Bible from the 13th century. There are also hundreds *off / of* manuscripts from before the invention of the *printer / printing* press in the mid-15th century. Library staff are carefully *put / putting* the books and manuscripts in wooden boxes. The boxes are *been / being* sealed in large plastic sacks. The oxygen has been removed from the sacks. After six weeks without oxygen, all of the beetles should be *dead / died*.

The insect eating the *priceless / pricey* books is the drugstore beetle, also known *was / as* the bread beetle. It usually *foods / feeds* on dried foodstuff, like wheat, flour and spices. The bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch-based glue that are used *to / for* make books. Library workers realized something was wrong when they found lots of *dust / dusty* on the bookshelves. The librarians *then / them* found holes in the books. These were caused *by / at* the beetles chewing through the paper. The person in charge of getting *rid / hid* of the beetles said: "We've never encountered such a degree of *injection / infection* before." She explained she felt a lot of responsibility for saving the books. She said if a book is ruined, "a *peace / piece* of culture has been lost".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Tns _f th__s_nds _f _nt_q__ b__ks _r_ _n d_ng_r.
Th_y _r_ b__ng __t_n by b__tl_s. Th_ c_nt_r__s-ld
b__ks _r_ b__ng t_k_n _ff th_ sh_lv_s _f _ l_br_ry
_n _ m_d__v_l _bb_y _n H_ng_ry. P_nn_nh_lm_ _bb_y
w_s f__nd_d _n th_ y__r 996. _t _s f__r y__rs _ld_r
th_n th_ K_ngd_m _f H_ng_ry. _n_ _f th_ b__ks _n
d_ng_r _s _ c_mpl_t B_bl_ fr_m th_ 13th c_nt_ry.
Th_r_ _r_ _ls_ h_ndr_ds _f m_n_scr_pts fr_m b_f_r_
th_ _nv_nt__n _f th_ pr_nt_ng pr_ss _n th_ m_d-15th
c_nt_ry. L_br_ry st_ff _r_ c_r_f_lly p_tt_ng th_ b__ks
_nd m_n_scr_pts _n w__d_n b_x_s. Th_ b_x_s _r_
b__ng s__ld _n l_rg_ pl_st_c s_cks. Th_ _xyg_n h_s
b__n r_m_v_d fr_m th_ s_cks. _ft_r s_x w__ks w_th__t
_xyg_n, _ll _f th_ b__tl_s sh__ld b_ d__d.

Th_ _ns_ct __t_ng th_ pr_c_l_ss b__ks _s th_
dr_gst_r_ b__tl_, _ls_ kn_wn _s th_ br__d b__tl_. _t
_s__lly f__ds _n dr__d f__dst_ff, l_k_ wh__t, fl__r _nd
sp_c_s. Th_ b_gs l_k_ t_ __t th_ g_l_t_n _nd st_rch-
b_s_d gl__ th_t _r_ _s_d t_ m_k_ b__ks. L_br_ry
w_rk_rs r__l_z_d s_m_th_ng w_s wr_ng wh_n th_y
f__nd l_ts _f d_st _n th_ b__ksh_lv_s. Th_ l_br_r__ns
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th_ b__tl_s ch_w_ng thr__gh th_ p_p_r. Th_ p_rs_n _n
ch_rg_ _f g_tt_ng r_d _f th_ b__tl_s s__d: "W_'v_
n_v_r _nc__nt_r_d s_ch _ d_gr__ _f _nf_ct__n b_f_r_."
Sh_ _xpl__n_d sh_ f_lt _ l_t _f r_sp_ns_b_l_ty fr
s_v_ng th_ b__ks. Sh_ s__d _f _ b__k _s r__n_d, "_
p__c_ _f c_ltr_ h_s b__n l_st".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

tens of thousands of antique books are in danger they are being eaten by beetles the centuries old books are being taken off the shelves of a library in a medieval abbey in hungary pannonhalma abbey was founded in the year 996 it is four years older than the kingdom of hungary one of the books in danger is a complete bible from the 13th century there are also hundreds of manuscripts from before the invention of the printing press in the mid 15th century library staff are carefully putting the books and manuscripts in wooden boxes the boxes are being sealed in large plastic sacks the oxygen has been removed from the sacks after six weeks without oxygen all of the beetles should be dead

the insect eating the priceless books is the drugstore beetle also known as the bread beetle it usually feeds on dried foodstuff like wheat flour and spices the bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch based glue that are used to make books library workers realized something was wrong when they found lots of dust on the bookshelves the librarians then found holes in the books these were caused by the beetles chewing through the paper the person in charge of getting rid of the beetles said weve never encountered such a degree of infection before she explained she felt a lot of responsibility for saving the books she said if a book is ruined a piece of culture has been lost

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

Write about **library books** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2507/250717-library-book-beetle.html>

We should not kill creatures to save books. Discuss.

[illegible]

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. LIBRARY BOOKS: Make a poster about library books. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LIBRARIES: Write a magazine article about creating more libraries. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on library books. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. e	2. h	3. j	4. b	5. f
6. d	7. a	8. c	9. g	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tens of thousands
2. The Kingdom of Hungary
3. In the mid-15th century
4. Plastic sacks
5. Six weeks
6. The bread beetle
7. Spices
8. Dust
9. Saving the books
10. A piece of culture

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Thousands of antique books are in danger.
2. Books are being taken off the library shelves.
3. Before the invention of the printing press.
4. The oxygen has been removed from the sacks.
5. All of the beetles should be dead.
6. The insects are eating the priceless books.
7. They found lots of dust on the bookshelves.
8. We've never encountered such a degree of infection.
9. She explained she felt a lot of responsibility.
10. A piece of culture has been lost.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)