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Level 4 – 26th October 2026

Mummy removed from exhibition over 'lack of consent'

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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/2610/261026-mummies-woke-ness-consent-4.html>

A museum has removed parts of an Egyptian mummy from an exhibition because the person who died did not consent for its remains to be displayed. The museum is in Scotland. It took away a mummified head and other body parts. In place of the remains, a sign explained the exhibits were removed "as a mark of respect". The museum said that removing the ancient human remains from its displays showed respect to those who died.

The decision has started a lot of criticism. A politician called it "woke madness". He said museums should show history rather than hide it. A museum visitor's daughter was upset at not being able to see the exhibits. An education campaigner called the decision "the triumph of educational stupidity". He said it was impossible to get permission from someone who died thousands of years ago. The museum said it wanted to respect the "dignity of human remains".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. parts of an | a. is in Scotland |
| 2. because the person who | b. removed |
| 3. consent for its remains | c. died |
| 4. The museum | d. who died |
| 5. a mummified | e. to be displayed |
| 6. in place | f. Egyptian mummy |
| 7. the exhibits were | g. head |
| 8. showed respect to those | h. of the remains |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The decision has started | a. rather than hide it |
| 2. A politician called it | b. get permission |
| 3. museums should show history | c. of human remains |
| 4. upset at not being able | d. campaigner |
| 5. an education | e. a lot of criticism |
| 6. it was impossible to | f. to see the exhibits |
| 7. someone who died thousands | g. "woke madness" |
| 8. respect the dignity | h. of years ago |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A museum (1) _____ of an Egyptian mummy from an exhibition because the person who died (2) _____ for its remains to be displayed. The museum is in Scotland. It took away a mummified head and (3) _____. In place of the remains, a sign explained the exhibits were removed "as a (4) _____. The museum said (5) _____ ancient human remains from its displays (6) _____ those who died.

The decision has started a (7) _____. A politician called it "woke madness". He said museums should (8) _____ than hide it. A museum visitor's daughter was upset at not being able to (9) _____.

An education campaigner called the decision "(10) _____ educational stupidity". He said it was impossible to (11) _____ someone who died thousands of years ago. The museum said it wanted (12) _____ "dignity of human remains".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MUSEUMS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about museums 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **museums** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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