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**Level 5 – 13th May 2024**

## **Anti-oil protestors try to damage the Magna Carta**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240513-magna-carta-5.html>

Climate protestors tried to damage one of the world's most famous documents – the Magna Carta. Two women in their 80s went to the British Library in London and attacked the case that contained the Magna Carta. The women damaged the glass using a hammer and a chisel. Police charged them with criminal damage. The British Library said security staff prevented the women from doing further damage. The Magna Carta stayed safe. The women are from the Just Stop Oil protest group. They held up a sign that read: "The government is breaking the law."

The Magna Carta is a royal charter that was agreed to in 1215. It states that everyone is equal under the law. It guarantees that everyone should have a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the document influenced the development of Western democracy, and the U.S. Constitution. The two protestors said: "The Magna Carta is...of great importance...to our freedoms and to our laws. But, there will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow climate breakdown to become the catastrophe that is now threatened."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/article/2024/may/11/two-women-charged-magna-carta-protest-in-london>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/climate-activists-attack-case-holding-original-magna-carta-london>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magna\\_Carta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magna_Carta)

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. one of the world's most        | a. criminal damage      |
| 2. Two women                      | b. up a sign            |
| 3. a hammer                       | c. doing further damage |
| 4. Police charged them with       | d. in their 80s         |
| 5. staff prevented the women from | e. the law              |
| 6. from the Just Stop Oil         | f. and a chisel         |
| 7. They held                      | g. protest group        |
| 8. The government is breaking     | h. famous documents     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The Magna Carta is a royal  | a. trial               |
| 2. everyone is equal           | b. breakdown           |
| 3. everyone should have a fair | c. of great importance |
| 4. the development of Western  | d. charter             |
| 5. The Magna Carta is          | e. now threatened      |
| 6. there will                  | f. under the law       |
| 7. climate                     | g. be no freedom       |
| 8. the catastrophe that is     | h. democracy           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Climate (1) \_\_\_\_\_ damage one of the world's most famous documents – the Magna Carta. Two women in their 80s went to the British Library in London and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that contained the Magna Carta. The women damaged the glass using a hammer (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Police charged them (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The British Library said security staff prevented the women from (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The Magna Carta stayed safe. The women are from the Just Stop Oil protest group. They held up a sign that read: "The government is (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The Magna Carta is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that was agreed to in 1215. It states that everyone is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ law. It guarantees that everyone should have a fair trial, (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Historians say the document influenced the development of Western democracy, and the U.S. Constitution. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ said: "The Magna Carta is...of great importance... (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and to our laws. But, there will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow climate breakdown to become the catastrophe that (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Climateprotestorstriedtodamageoneoftheworld'smostfamousdocuments—theMagnaCarta.Twowomenintheir80swenttotheBritishLibraryinLondonandattackedthecasethatcontainedtheMagnaCarta.Thewomendamagedtheglassusingahammerandachisel.Policechargedthemwithcriminaldamage.TheBritishLibrarysaidsecuritystaffpreventedthewomenfromdoingfurtherdamage.TheMagnaCartastayed safe. ThewomenarefromtheJustStopOilprotestgroup.Theyheldupasignthatread:"Thegovernmentisbreakingthelaw."TheMagnaCartaisaroyalcharterthatwasagreedtoin1215.Itstatesthat everyoneisequalunderthelaw.Itguaranteesthat everyone should have a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the document influenced the development of Western democracy, and the U.S. Constitution. Thetwoprotestorssaid:"TheMagnaCartais...ofgreatimportance...toourfreedomsandtoourlaws.But,therewillbenofreedom,nolawfulness,norrights,ifweallowclimatebreakdown tobecomethecatastrophethatisnowthreatened."

# OIL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240513-magna-carta-4.html>

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

