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Anti-oil protestors try to damage the Magna Carta

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THE ARTICLE

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

Two climate activists have tried to damage one of the world's oldest and most famous documents – the Magna Carta. The women are both in their 80s. They went to the British Library in London and attacked the glass case that contained the Magna Carta. The women used a hammer and a chisel to try to break the glass. Police have charged the women with criminal damage. The British Library said its security staff, "intervened, to prevent further damage to the case". It added that the "Magna Carta itself remains undamaged". The women are from the Just Stop Oil protest group. They held up a sign that read: "The government is breaking the law." The women also glued themselves to the case.

The Magna Carta is a royal charter that was agreed to by King John of England on the 15th of June 1215. It stated that everyone was equal under the law. It also guaranteed that everyone should have a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the Magna Carta was the foundation for the development of Western democracy. In particular, it influenced the U.S. Constitution. The two protestors said: "The Magna Carta is...of great importance to our history, 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." They added: "Our government is breaking its own laws against climate change."

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

WARM-UPS

1. OIL: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about oil. 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?

climate activists / documents / libraries / hammers / chisels / criminal damage / oil / royal / kings / England / a fair trial / jury / democracy / constitution / freedom / laws

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

3. OIL PROTESTS: Students A **strongly** believe we should all protest against oil; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CLIMATE CHANGE: How do these things affect our climate? What can we do about it? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How It Affects Our Climate	What We Can Do
Oil		
Meat production		
Air conditioning		
Flying		
Deforestation		
Green energy		

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

6. PROTESTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to protest about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Oil
- Food prices
- Your nation going to war
- Taxes
- Corrupt government
- Equality
- The environment
- Freedom of speech

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. activist | a. Stuck together firmly with a sticky substance. |
| 2. case | b. A person who works hard to make changes in society or government. |
| 3. chisel (noun) | c. To become involved in a situation to change or stop it. |
| 4. charge (verb) | d. A container designed to hold or protect something understood. |
| 5. intervened | e. Formally accuse someone of something, especially an offence under law. |
| 6. protest | f. A tool with a sharp edge used for cutting or shaping wood, stone, or metal. |
| 7. glued | g. To show disagreement or disapproval, often by gathering together with others and speaking or marching. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 8. charter | h. A document that explains the rights and responsibilities of a group or organization. |
| 9. trial (noun) | i. A terrible event that causes a lot of damage or suffering. |
| 10. jury | j. A formal examination of evidence in a court of law to decide if someone is guilty or innocent of a crime. |
| 11. foundation | k. A set of basic laws or principles that a country or organization follows. |
| 12. influenced | l. A group of people who listen to the evidence in a trial and decide if someone is guilty or innocent. |
| 13. constitution | m. The base or support of something. |
| 14. catastrophe | n. To have an effect on someone or something, often causing them to change. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. Twelve climate activists attempted to damage the Magna Carta. **T / F**
2. The protestors were aged between 80 and 89 years old. **T / F**
3. The protestors used chainsaws to try to damage the Magna Carta. **T / F**
4. The protestors stuck themselves to the Magna Carta case with glue. **T / F**
5. The Magna Carta is from the year 1215. **T / F**
6. The Magna Carta says all humans are equal under the law. **T / F**
7. The U.S. Constitution was influenced by the Magna Carta. **T / F**
8. The protestors said they were not breaking any laws. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. activists | a. hearing |
| 2. contained | b. additional |
| 3. intervened | c. stuck |
| 4. further | d. shaped |
| 5. glued | e. held |
| 6. equal | f. basis |
| 7. trial | g. identical |
| 8. foundation | h. campaigners |
| 9. influenced | i. calamity |
| 10. catastrophe | j. got involved |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. climate | a. charter |
| 2. the glass case that | b. and a chisel |
| 3. The women used a hammer | c. remains undamaged |
| 4. Police have charged the women | d. now threatened |
| 5. the Magna Carta itself | e. with a jury |
| 6. The Magna Carta is a royal | f. activists |
| 7. everyone should have a fair trial, | g. breakdown |
| 8. the foundation for the development | h. contained the Magna Carta |
| 9. if we allow climate | i. of Western democracy |
| 10. the catastrophe that is | j. with criminal damage |

GAP FILL

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

Two climate (1) _____ have tried to damage one of the world's oldest and most famous documents – the Magna Carta. The women are (2) _____ in their 80s. They went to the British Library in London and attacked the glass (3) _____ that contained the Magna Carta. The women used a hammer and a (4) _____ to try to break the glass. Police have charged the women with criminal damage. The British Library said its security (5) _____, "intervened, to prevent further damage to the case". It added that the "Magna Carta itself (6) _____ undamaged". The women are from the Just Stop Oil protest (7) _____. They held up a sign that read: "The government is breaking the law." The women also (8) _____ themselves to the case.

chisel
both
remains
activists
glued
staff
group
case

The Magna Carta is a royal (9) _____ that was agreed to by King John of England on the 15th of June 1215. It stated that everyone was (10) _____ under the law. It also guaranteed that everyone should have a fair trial, with a (11) _____. Historians say the Magna Carta was the foundation for the development of Western (12) _____. In particular, it (13) _____ the U.S. Constitution. The two protestors said: "The Magna Carta is...of great importance to our history, to our (14) _____ and to our laws. But, there will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow climate breakdown to become the (15) _____ that is now threatened." They added: "Our government is breaking its own laws (16) _____ climate change."

jury
catastrophe
charter
influenced
against
equal
democracy
freedoms

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) damage one of the world's oldest and _____
 - a. most famously documents
 - b. most infamous documents
 - c. most famous documents
 - d. mostly famous documents
- 2) The women used a hammer _____
 - a. and a chisel
 - b. and a chattel
 - c. and a chat
 - d. and a drivel
- 3) Police have charged the women _____
 - a. with criminal damagers
 - b. with criminal damaged
 - c. with criminal damaging
 - d. with criminal damage
- 4) The British Library said its _____
 - a. security staff intervened
 - b. security staff interviewed
 - c. security staff invertebrate
 - d. security staff intervention
- 5) It added that the Magna Carta _____
 - a. itself remnants undamaged
 - b. itself bemoans undamaged
 - c. itself retrains undamaged
 - d. itself remains undamaged
- 6) The Magna Carta is a royal charter that _____
 - a. was staggered to
 - b. was agreed to
 - c. was aggrieved to
 - d. was argued to
- 7) It also guaranteed that everyone should have a fair trial, _____
 - a. with a jewellery
 - b. with a dowry
 - c. with a jury
 - d. with a dewy
- 8) the Magna Carta was the foundation for the development _____
 - a. of Western autocracy
 - b. of Western democracy
 - c. of Western kleptocracy
 - d. of Western mediocracy
- 9) The Magna Carta is...of great importance to our history, _____
 - a. tour freedoms
 - b. two-hour freedoms
 - c. to wow freedoms
 - d. to our freedoms
- 10) But, there will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we _____
 - a. allow climate breakup
 - b. allow climate touchdown
 - c. allow climate breakdown
 - d. allow climate brake down

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Magna Carta is a (7) _____ was agreed to by King John of England on the 15th of June 1215. It stated that everyone (8) _____ the law. It also guaranteed that everyone should have a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the Magna Carta was the (9) _____ development of Western democracy. In particular, it influenced the U.S. Constitution. The (10) _____: "The Magna Carta is...of great importance to our history, to our freedoms and to our laws. But, there will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow (11) _____ become the catastrophe that is now threatened." They added: "Our government is breaking (12) _____ against climate change."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How old are the two climate activists?
2. In which city did the protest take place?
3. What tools did the protestors use in their attack on the Magna Carta?
4. Who intervened to stop the attack?
5. Which protest group are the protestors from?
6. In what year was the Magna Carta agreed to?
7. Who does the Magna Carta say is equal under the law?
8. What did the Magna Carta influence?
9. What did the protestors say the Magna Carta was important to?
10. What did the protestors say the government was breaking?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How old are the two climate activists?
 - a) They're teenagers.
 - b) They're middle-aged.
 - c) They're in their 80s.
 - d) They're in their early 60s.
- 2) In which city did the protest take place?
 - a) London
 - b) Oxford
 - c) Cambridge
 - d) Edinburgh
- 3) What tools did the protestors use in their attack on the Magna Carta?
 - a) a chisel and an axe
 - b) a hammer and a chisel
 - c) a hammer and a chainsaw
 - d) a screwdriver and an axe
- 4) Who intervened to stop the attack?
 - a) the police
 - b) two 80-year-old women
 - c) tourists
 - d) security staff
- 5) Which protest group are the protestors from?
 - a) Greenpeace
 - b) Democracy Now
 - c) Just Stop Oil
 - d) PETA
- 6) In what year was the Magna Carta agreed to?
 - a) 1512
 - b) 1215
 - c) 1125
 - d) 1251
- 7) Who does the Magna Carta say is equal under the law?
 - a) children and adults
 - b) men and women
 - c) kings and queens
 - d) everyone
- 8) What did the Magna Carta influence?
 - a) international law
 - b) the U.S. Constitution
 - c) the United Nations
 - d) Latin
- 9) What did the protestors say the Magna Carta was important to?
 - a) European history
 - b) the UK's history
 - c) American history
 - d) world history
- 10) What did the protestors say the government was breaking?
 - a) laws against climate change
 - b) people's morale
 - c) the bank
 - d) the code in the Magna Carta

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Oil

You think oil is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food prices, the environment or war.

Role B – Food Prices

You think food prices is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): oil, the environment or war.

Role C – The Environment

You think the environment is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food prices, oil or war.

Role D – War

You think war is the best reason for street protests. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their reasons. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): food prices, the environment or oil.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'oil' and 'protestor'.

oil	protestor
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- 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">• famous• both• chisel• security• group• themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• agreed• equal• fair• particular• great• allow
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OIL SURVEY

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

OIL 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 'oil'?
3. What do you know about the Magna Carta?
4. What do you think of climate activists?
5. How much of a climate activist are you?
6. What are the world's most famous documents?
7. What do you think of the attempted attack on the Magna Carta?
8. What should happen to the women?
9. What things would you protest against?
10. What advice do you have for anti-oil protestors?

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OIL 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 'protestor'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. In practice, is everyone equal under the law?
15. What are trials and juries like in your country?
16. What do you know about the U.S. Constitution?
17. What catastrophes will happen because of climate change?
18. Should governments be put on trial for climate change?
19. How can we reduce our dependence on oil?
20. What questions would you like to ask the two women?

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 Magna Carta is a royal charter that was agreed (7) _____ by King John of England on the 15th of June 1215. It stated that everyone was equal (8) _____ the law. It also guaranteed that everyone should have a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the Magna Carta was the foundation for the development of Western democracy. In (9) _____, it influenced the U.S. Constitution. The two protestors said: "The Magna Carta is...(10) _____ great importance to our history, to our freedoms and to our laws. But, there will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow climate (11) _____ to become the catastrophe that is now threatened." They added: "Our government is breaking its own laws (12) _____ climate change."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) activists | (b) activities | (c) activism | (d) actives |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) in | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) concerted | (b) cemented | (c) contented | (d) contained |
| 4. | (a) chained | (b) charged | (c) chattered | (d) charred |
| 5. | (a) future | (b) farther | (c) fatter | (d) further |
| 6. | (a) charter | (b) constitution | (c) law | (d) case |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) in | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) under | (b) over | (c) below | (d) above |
| 9. | (a) particular | (b) peculiar | (c) particularly | (d) particulars |
| 10. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) of | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) lockdown | (b) touchdown | (c) countdown | (d) breakdown |
| 12. | (a) under | (b) against | (c) for | (d) heating |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. climate svaicistt
2. The women used a hammer and a helsci
3. aicmnilr damage
4. its security staff neentiedvr
5. Magna Carta itself remains edamndaug
6. eldug themselves to the case

Paragraph 2

7. The Magna Carta is a royal atcreh
8. It also egnraudtea
9. the tfuanodoni for the development
10. Western eracdomcy
11. it influenced the U.S. ociittuosnn
12. the harstecotap that is now threatened

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () laws. But, there will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow climate breakdown to become the catastrophe
- () protestors said: "The Magna Carta is...of great importance to our history, to our freedoms and to our
- () undamaged". The women are from the Just Stop Oil protest group. They held up a sign
- () Western democracy. In particular, it influenced the U.S. Constitution. The two
- () that read: "The government is breaking the law." The women also glued themselves to the case.
- (**1**) Two climate activists have tried to damage one of the world's oldest and most famous
- () The Magna Carta is a royal charter that was agreed to by King John of England on the 15th of June 1215. It stated
- () that everyone was equal under the law. It also guaranteed that everyone should have a fair
- () staff, "intervened, to prevent further damage to the case". It added that the "Magna Carta itself remains
- () the glass case that contained the Magna Carta. The women used a hammer and a chisel to try to
- () trial, with a jury. Historians say the Magna Carta was the foundation for the development of
- () break the glass. Police have charged the women with criminal damage. The British Library said its security
- () documents – the Magna Carta. The women are both in their 80s. They went to the British Library in London and attacked
- () that is now threatened." They added: "Our government is breaking its own laws against climate change."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. activists one . damage have Two climate tried to
2. their are The both two women in 80s .
3. criminal the charged women damage . Police have with
4. damage . intervened further to staff security Its prevent
5. glued women The the case . themselves to also
6. everyone under was It law . said the equal
7. fair jury . a Everyone trial with has a
8. for of Western the development foundation democracy . The
9. become allow breakdown to the climate catastrophe . We
10. climate breaking It's against laws change . own its

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Two climate *activities / activists* have tried to damage one of the world's oldest and most famous *documentaries / documents* – the Magna Carta. The women are both *in / on* their 80s. They went to the British Library in London and attacked the *glass / glassy* case that contained the Magna Carta. The women used *the / a* hammer and a chisel to try to break the glass. Police have *changed / charged* the women with criminal *damage / damaged*. The British Library said its *secure / security* staff, "intervened, to prevent further damage to the case". It added that the "Magna Carta itself *remains / remain* undamaged". The women are from the Just Stop Oil protest group. They held *down / up* a sign that read: "The government is breaking the law." The women also glued *themselves / itself* to the case.

The Magna Carta is a royal *chat / charter* that was agreed to by King John of England on the 15th of June 1215. It stated that everyone was *equally / equal* under the law. It also *guaranteed / guaranteeing* that everyone should have a fair *trial / trail*, with a *jury / juror*. Historians say the Magna Carta was the foundation for the development of Western democracy. In *particularly / particular*, it influenced the U.S. Constitution. The two protestors said: "The Magna Carta is...*of / on* great importance to our history, to our freedoms and to our *in-laws / laws*. But, there will be no freedom, no *lawlessness / lawfulness*, no rights, if we allow climate breakdown to become the *catastrophe / catastrophic* that is now threatened." They added: "Our government is breaking its own laws *against / for* climate change."

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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The Magna Carta is a royal charter that was granted by King John of England in the 15th of June 1215. It stated that very few were allowed under the law. It also granted that very few should have a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the Magna Carta was the foundation for the development of Western democracy. In particular, it influenced the US Constitution. The two protesters said: "The Magna Carta is a great important part of our history, to our freedoms and to our laws. But, their will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we will be climate breakdown because the catastrophe that is now threatening." They added: "Our government is breaking its own laws against climate change."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

two climate activists have tried to damage one of the worlds oldest and most famous documents the magna carta the women are both in their 80s they went to the british library in london and attacked the glass case that contained the magna carta the women used a hammer and a chisel to try to break the glass police have charged the women with criminal damage the british library said its security staff intervened to prevent further damage to the case it added that the magna carta itself remains undamaged the women are from the just stop oil protest group they held up a sign that read the government is breaking the law the women also glued themselves to the case

the magna carta is a royal charter that was agreed to by king john of england on the 15th of june 1215 it stated that everyone was equal under the law it also guaranteed that everyone should have a fair trial with a jury historians say the magna carta was the foundation for the development of western democracy in particular it influenced the us constitution the two protestors said the magna carta is of great importance to our history 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 they added our government is breaking its own laws against climate change

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **protests against oil** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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. OIL: Make a poster about oil. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. OIL PROTESTS: Write a magazine article about protesting against oil. 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 oil. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on oil. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. They're in their 80s
2. London
3. A hammer and chisel
4. Security staff
5. Just Stop Oil
6. 1215
7. Everyone
8. The U.S. Constitution
9. The UK's history
10. Laws against climate change

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Two climate activists have tried to damage one.
2. The two women are both in their 80s.
3. Police have charged the women with criminal damage.
4. Its security staff intervened to prevent further damage.
5. The women also glued themselves to the case.
6. It said everyone was equal under the law.
7. Everyone has a fair trial, with a jury.
8. The foundation for the development of Western democracy.
9. We allow climate breakdown to become the catastrophe.
10. It's breaking its own laws against climate change.

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 ;-)