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Activists jailed for soup attack on Van Gogh painting

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THE ARTICLE

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Two climate activists have been jailed in the U.K. for dousing Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting with soup. The pair of protestors are from Just Stop Oil (JSO), an environmental group focused on highlighting the issue of climate change caused by fossil fuels. One of the activists received a sentence of two years in prison. The other will serve 20 months. In October 2022, the protestors threw two cans of tomato soup over Van Gogh's priceless 1888 painting at London's National Gallery. They then knelt beneath the iconic work of art and glued their hands to the wall. The soup did not harm the painting, but it did over \$13,000 of damage to the picture frame.

Presiding judge Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting a "cultural treasure" that could have been "seriously damaged or even destroyed" in the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't have cared less if the painting was damaged or not. You had no right to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly think your beliefs give you the right to commit crimes when you feel like it. You do not." He added: "Soup might have seeped through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said that prior to throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was protected by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could have dripped through the protective glass.

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WARM-UPS

1. VINCENT VAN GOGH: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Vincent van Gogh. 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 / Van Gogh / sunflowers / paintings / climate change / tomato soup
judge / cultural / treasure / crimes / beliefs / rights / glass / defence / museum

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

3. FOSSIL FUELS: Students A **strongly** believe we should end using fossil fuels by the end of the decade; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ACTIVISM: What are the best forms of activism against these things? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What?	Why?
Climate Change		
Corruption		
Taxes		
Food Prices		
Equality		
War		

5. JAIL: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "jail". 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 things you would protest about at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Climate change
- Food prices
- Taxes
- War
- Equality
- Human rights
- Government corruption
- Immigration

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. activist | a. To spend time in prison because of a crime. |
| 2. dousing | b. A type of energy we get from things like oil, coal, or gas, which come from the ground. |
| 3. fossil fuel | c. Pouring a lot of water or liquid over something. |
| 4. sentence (noun) | d. Something or someone that is very famous and represents a place, idea, or time. |
| 5. serve (verb) | e. A person who works hard to bring about changes, like helping the environment or improving people's lives. |
| 6. priceless | f. A punishment given by a judge that says how long someone must stay in prison. |
| 7. iconic | g. Something so valuable or special that you cannot put a price on it. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. presiding | h. Something very valuable, like gold, or something very special to you. |
| 9. treasure (noun) | i. When a small amount of liquid falls slowly, like water from a tap. |
| 10. commit | j. A formal way to say "before" something happens. |
| 11. seeped | k. To do something bad or illegal, like stealing or hurting someone. |
| 12. dripped | l. Trying to keep someone or something safe from harm. |
| 13. protective | m. When liquid slowly goes into or through something. |
| 14. prior to | n. Being in charge of or leading a meeting, court trial or event. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

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

1. Ten activists have been jailed for attaching a Vincent van Gogh painting. **T / F**
2. The jailed activists are part of the Just Stop Fossil Fuels group. **T / F**
3. The longest sentence given by the judge is two years. **T / F**
4. The attack caused \$13,000 of damage to the painting's frame. **T / F**
5. The court judge said Sunflowers was a cultural treasure. **T / F**
6. The judge accused the activists of not caring more about the painting. **T / F**
7. The judge said soup seeped through the protective glass. **T / F**
8. Museum staff were confident the soup would not get onto the painting. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1. activists | a. tarnish |
| 2. jailed | b. before |
| 3. sentence | c. imprisoned |
| 4. glued | d. shielding |
| 5. harm | e. affixed |
| 6. treasure | f. support |
| 7. seeped | g. campaigners |
| 8. defence | h. leaked |
| 9. prior to | i. prison term |
| 10. protective | j. work of art |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Two climate activists have been | a. less |
| 2. The pair of protestors are from | b. caused by fossil fuels |
| 3. climate change | c. throwing the soup |
| 4. a sentence | d. treasure |
| 5. the iconic | e. what you did |
| 6. a cultural | f. of two years in prison |
| 7. You couldn't have cared | g. jailed in the U.K. |
| 8. You had no right to do | h. crimes |
| 9. commit | i. Just Stop Oil |
| 10. prior to | j. work of art |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

Two climate activists have been jailed in the U.K. for (1) _____ Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting with soup. The (2) _____ of protestors are from Just Stop Oil (JSO), an environmental group focused on highlighting the (3) _____ of climate change caused by fossil fuels. One of the activists received a (4) _____ of two years in prison. The other will (5) _____ 20 months. In October 2022, the protestors threw two (6) _____ of tomato soup over Van Gogh's priceless 1888 painting at London's National Gallery. They then knelt beneath the (7) _____ work of art and glued their hands to the wall. The soup did not harm the painting, but it did over \$13,000 of damage to the picture (8) _____.

cans
sentence
frame
pair
dousing
serve
iconic
issue

Presiding (9) _____ Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting a "cultural treasure" that could have been "(10) _____ damaged or even destroyed" in the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't have cared (11) _____ if the painting was damaged or not. You had no right to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly think your (12) _____ give you the right to (13) _____ crimes when you feel like it. You do not." He added: "Soup might have (14) _____ through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said that (15) _____ to throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was protected by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could have dripped through the (16) _____ glass.

commit
seriously
protective
less
seeped
judge
beliefs
prior

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

- 1) focused on highlighting the issue of climate change caused _____
 - a. by fossils fuels
 - b. by fossilized fuels
 - c. by fossil fuels
 - d. by fussy fuels
- 2) The other will _____
 - a. serve 20 months
 - b. sieve 20 months
 - c. service 20 months
 - d. served 20 months
- 3) protestors threw two cans of tomato soup over Van Gogh's _____
 - a. priced less 1888 painting
 - b. pricey less 1888 painting
 - c. priceless 1888 painting
 - d. price lesser 1888 painting
- 4) They then knelt beneath the iconic work of art and _____
 - a. clued their hands
 - b. glued their hands
 - c. glared their hands
 - d. glide their hands
- 5) harm the painting, but it did over \$13,000 of damage to _____
 - a. the picture flame
 - b. the picture frame
 - c. the picture framed
 - d. the picture fame
- 6) Presiding judge Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting _____
 - a. a "culturally treasure"
 - b. a "cultured treasure"
 - c. a "culture treasure"
 - d. a "cultural treasure"
- 7) The judge told the activists: "You couldn't _____"
 - a. have cared less
 - b. have cared lest
 - c. have cared least
 - d. have cared lesser
- 8) You clearly think your beliefs give you the right _____
 - a. to commit climes
 - b. to commit crimes
 - c. to commit criminals
 - d. to commit crims
- 9) prior to throwing the soup, they checked to see if the _____
 - a. painting was protective
 - b. painting was protected
 - c. painting was protection
 - d. painting was protector
- 10) Museum staff worried the soup could have dripped through _____
 - a. the protective grass
 - b. the protective glassed
 - c. the protective glass
 - d. the protective glassed

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Two climate activists have been jailed in the (1) _____ Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting with soup. The pair of protestors are from Just Stop Oil (JSO), an environmental (2) _____ highlighting the issue of climate change caused by fossil fuels. One of the activists (3) _____ of two years in prison. The other will serve 20 months. In October 2022, the (4) _____ cans of tomato soup over Van Gogh's priceless 1888 painting at London's National Gallery. They then knelt beneath the (5) _____ art and glued their hands to the wall. The soup did not harm the painting, but it did over \$13,000 of damage to (6) _____.

Presiding judge Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting (7) _____ that could have been "seriously damaged or even destroyed" in the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't (8) _____ if the painting was damaged or not. You had no right to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly think (9) _____ you the right (10) _____ when you feel like it. You do not." He added: "Soup might have seeped through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said (11) _____ throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was protected by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could have dripped (12) _____ glass.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

1. What painting did the protestors attack?
2. What group are the protestors from?
3. What is the shortest prison sentence the activists were given?
4. How many cans of soup did the protestors throw at the painting?
5. What did the protestors damage?
6. What did the judge call Sunflowers?
7. What did the judge tell the activists they did not have the right to do?
8. What did the judge say the soup might have seeped through?
9. What did the activists check?
10. Who worried the soup might drip through the glass?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

- 1) What painting did the protestors attack?
 - a) The Church at Auvers
 - b) Self Portrait
 - c) The Starry Night
 - d) Sunflowers
- 2) What group are the protestors from?
 - a) Just Stop Fossil Fuels
 - b) Just Stop Oil
 - c) Just End Oil
 - d) Just End Fossil Fuels
- 3) What is the shortest prison sentence the activists were given?
 - a) three years
 - b) two years
 - c) 22 months
 - d) 20 months
- 4) How many cans of soup did the protestors throw at the painting?
 - a) four
 - b) eight
 - c) two
 - d) five
- 5) What did the protestors damage?
 - a) their lives
 - b) their reputations
 - c) a soup can
 - d) the picture frame
- 6) What did the judge call Sunflowers?
 - a) Bob
 - b) beautiful
 - c) a cultural treasure
 - d) nature's wonders
- 7) What did the judge tell the activists they did not have the right to do?
 - a) commit crimes
 - b) paint
 - c) visit museums
 - d) abuse tomato soup
- 8) What did the judge say the soup might have seeped through?
 - a) the frame
 - b) the canvas
 - c) the glass
 - d) the paint
- 9) What did the activists check?
 - a) the weather
 - b) to see if the painting was protected
 - c) security staff at the museum
 - d) the thickness of the soup
- 10) Who worried the soup might drip through the glass?
 - a) museum staff
 - b) art lovers
 - c) Van Gogh's family
 - d) a soup company boss

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

Role A – Climate Change

You think climate change is the most important thing to protest about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the price of food, human rights or government corruption.

Role B – Food Prices

You think the price of food is the most important thing to protest about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): climate change, human rights or government corruption.

Role C – Human Rights

You think human rights is the most important thing to protest about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the price of food, climate change or government corruption.

Role D – Government Corruption

You think government corruption is the most important thing to protest about. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the price of food, human rights or climate change.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

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

soup	jail
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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">• jailed• issue• sentence• cans• beneath• harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cultural• less• right• seeped• prior• dripped
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PROTESTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Protests 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.

PROTESTS 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 'jail'?
3. What do you think of tomato soup?
4. What do you think of climate activism?
5. What would you protest about?
6. What's the purpose of attacking a famous painting?
7. What do you think about the prison sentences for the protestors?
8. What's your opinion of fossil fuels?
9. Who are your favourite artists, and why?
10. What do you think of gluing your hands to things as a form of protest?

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PROTESTS 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 'soup'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of Van Gogh's Sunflowers?
15. What do you think when cultural treasures are attacked?
16. How important is art?
17. How important is the right to protest?
18. What kinds of protests are good and bad?
19. What's your favourite soup?
20. What questions would you like to ask the protestors?

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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Presiding (7) _____ Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting a "cultural treasure" that could have been "seriously damaged or even destroyed" in the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't have cared (8) _____ if the painting was damaged or not. You had no (9) _____ to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly think your beliefs give you the right to (10) _____ crimes when you feel like it. You do not." He added: "Soup might have seeped through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said that prior (11) _____ throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was protected by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could have (12) _____ through the protective glass.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) nailed | (b) jailed | (c) bailed | (d) failed |
| 2. | (a) pairs | (b) pair | (c) pairing | (d) paired |
| 3. | (a) by | (b) in | (c) of | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) sieve | (b) serve | (c) starve | (d) suave |
| 5. | (a) smelt | (b) knelt | (c) dealt | (d) welt |
| 6. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) to | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) judgement | (b) judicial | (c) judge | (d) juror |
| 8. | (a) more | (b) all | (c) less | (d) for |
| 9. | (a) just | (b) virtue | (c) right | (d) due |
| 10. | (a) commit | (b) remit | (c) permit | (d) submit |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) by |
| 12. | (a) dabbed | (b) draped | (c) daubed | (d) dripped |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Two climate vtaciitss
2. diunosg Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting
3. The pair of rpttseoosr
4. caused by lsoisf fuels
5. They then ketnl
6. beneath the cnoiic work of art

Paragraph 2

7. neirsigdp judge
8. a cultural seaurtre
9. the right to momcit crimes
10. Soup might have epdsee through the glass
11. staff worried the soup could have rdeipdp
12. through the etceptovr glass

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () prior to throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was protected
- () with soup. The pair of protestors are from Just Stop Oil (JSO), an environmental group focused on
- () "seriously damaged or even destroyed" in the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't have cared
- () less if the painting was damaged or not. You had no right to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly
- () two cans of tomato soup over Van Gogh's priceless 1888 painting at London's National Gallery. They then knelt
- () not harm the painting, but it did over \$13,000 of damage to the picture frame.
- () think your beliefs give you the right to commit crimes when you feel like it. You
- () beneath the iconic work of art and glued their hands to the wall. The soup did
- () highlighting the issue of climate change caused by fossil fuels. One of the activists received a sentence
- () do not." He added: "Soup might have seeped through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said that
- (**1**) Two climate activists have been jailed in the U.K. for dousing Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting
- () by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could have dripped through the protective glass.
- () Presiding judge Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting a "cultural treasure" that could have been
- () of two years in prison. The other will serve 20 months. In October 2022, the protestors threw

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. group An focused on highlighting environmental the issue .
2. The activists years . two a of received sentence
3. knelt beneath the iconic of work They art .
4. soup painting . the not The did harm
5. to \$13,000 damage frame . of did the It
6. cultural have been could damaged . A seriously treasure
7. had You no right what doing you did .
8. have seeped through might Soup glass . the
9. the Check was if protected . see painting to
10. protective glass . Soup have through dripped the could

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

Two climate activists have been jailed in the U.K. for *rousing* / *dousing* Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting with soup. The *pairs* / *pair* of protestors are from Just Stop Oil (JSO), an *environs* / *environmental* group focused *on* / *in* highlighting the issue of climate change caused by fossil fuels. One of the activists received a *sentence* / *paragraph* of two years in prison. The other will *reserve* / *serve* 20 months. In October 2022, the protestors threw two *canisters* / *cans* of tomato soup over Van Gogh's priceless 1888 painting at London's National Gallery. They then *knelt* / *dealt* beneath the iconic work of art and *adhesive* / *glued* their hands to the wall. The soup did not harm the painting, but it did over \$13,000 of damage to the picture *flame* / *frame*.

Presiding judge Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting a "cultural *treasure* / *treasury*" that could have been "seriously damaged or even destroyed" *in* / *on* the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't have cared *more* / *less* if the painting was damaged or *never* / *not*. You had no right to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly think your *beliefs* / *believes* give you the right to commit crimes when you feel like *them* / *it*. You do not." He added: "Soup might have *steeped* / *seeped* through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said that prior *at* / *to* throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was *dejected* / *protected* by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could *well* / *have* dripped through the protective glass.

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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Tw_ cl_m_t_ _ct_v_sts h_v_ b__n j__l_d _n th_ __.K.
f_r d__s_ng V_nc_nt v_n G_gh's S_nfl_w_rs p__nt_ng
w_th s__p. Th_ p__r _f pr_t_st_rs _r_ fr_m J_st St_p
__l (JS_), _n _nv_r_nm_nt_l gr__p f_c_s_d _n
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Y__ cl__rly th_nk y__r b_l__fs g_v_ y__ th_ r_gh_t t_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240930-van-gogh.html>

two climate activists have been jailed in the uk for dousing vincent van goghs sunflowers painting with soup the pair of protestors are from just stop oil jso an environmental group focused on highlighting the issue of climate change caused by fossil fuels one of the activists received a sentence of two years in prison the other will serve 20 months in october 2022 the protestors threw two cans of tomato soup over van goghs priceless 1888 painting at londons national gallery they then knelt beneath the iconic work of art and glued their hands to the wall the soup did not harm the painting but it did over 13000 of damage to the picture frame

presiding judge christopher hehir called the van gogh painting a cultural treasure that could have been seriously damaged or even destroyed in the attack the judge told the activists you couldnt have cared less if the painting was damaged or not you had no right to do what you did to sunflowers you clearly think your beliefs give you the right to commit crimes when you feel like it you do not he added soup might have seeped through the glass in their defence the protestors said that prior to throwing the soup they checked to see if the painting was protected by the glass museum staff worried the soup could have dripped through the protective glass

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Two climate activists have been jailed in the U.K. for dousing Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting with soup. The pair of protestors are from Just Stop Oil (JSO), an environmental group focused on highlighting the issue of climate change caused by fossil fuels. One of the activists received a sentence of two years in prison. The other will serve 20 months. In October 2022, the protestors threw two cans of tomato soup over Van Gogh's priceless 1888 painting at London's National Gallery. They then knelt beneath the iconic work of art and glued their hands to the wall. The soup did not harm the painting, but it did do over \$13,000 of damage to the picture frame. Presiding Judge Christopher Hehir called the Van Gogh painting a "cultural treasure" that could have been "seriously damaged or even destroyed" in the attack. The judge told the activists: "You couldn't have cared less if the painting was damaged or not. You had no right to do what you did to Sunflowers. You clearly think your beliefs give you the right to commit crimes when you feel like it. You do not." He added: "Soup might have seeped through the glass." In their defence, the protestors said that prior to throwing the soup, they checked to see if the painting was protected by the glass. Museum staff worried the soup could have dripped through the protective glasses.

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

4. FOSSIL FUELS: Write a magazine article about ending the use of fossil fuels. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 protests. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three things you would protest about. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Van Gogh's Sunflowers
2. Just Stop Oil
3. 20 months
4. Two
5. The picture frame
6. A cultural treasure
7. Commit crimes
8. The glass
9. To see if the painting was protected
10. Museum staff

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. An environmental group focused on highlighting the issue.
2. The activists received a sentence of two years.
3. They knelt beneath the iconic work of art.
4. The soup did not harm the painting.
5. It did \$13,000 of damage to the frame.
6. A cultural treasure could have been seriously damaged.
7. You had no right doing what you did.
8. Soup might have seeped through the glass.
9. Check to see if the painting was protected.
10. Soup could have dripped through the protective glass.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 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 ;-)