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Oil pipeline protest joined by military veterans

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

People in the U.S. state of North Dakota are angry because an oil company is building a giant pipe near their land. The oil company wants to build the multibillion-dollar oil pipeline under a lake near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The Sioux people are Native Americans who have been on the land for thousands of years. The Native Americans have been joined by many protestors. They are all trying to stop the \$3.8 billion pipeline from passing near Sioux land. They say it will dirty their drinking water and make it undrinkable. They also say the pipeline will damage sacred Sioux sites. A Texas-based company, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline project. It is almost complete.

The protestors are calling themselves "water protectors". They have been on the site for months trying to block the pipeline. They were recently joined by veterans from the U.S. military. These are retired soldiers, sailors and members of the air force. The veterans have built the protestors shelters to keep warm in the freezing winter. There has been violence between the protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". He said: "It's time for them to go home." However, Coast Guard veteran Ashleigh Jennifer Parker said: "We will be unarmed, completely prepared for peaceful protest. We don't even like the word 'protest.' We're there to help the water protectors."

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WARM-UPS

1. PROTESTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about protests. 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?

angry / giant / pipe / lake / thousands of years / protestors / drinking water / sites / protectors / block / veterans / retired / soldiers / air force / freezing / frightening

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

3. PIPELINES: Students A **strongly** believe oil pipelines are necessary for the economy; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't and they damage the environment. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PROTEST: How would you protest against these things? How angry would you be? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How would you protest?	How angry would you be?
Oil pipeline		
Tax increases		
Your country going to war		
Religious intolerance		
Racist government		
Government corruption		

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

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

- oil
- solar
- wind
- coal
- bio-fuels
- thermal
- nuclear
- wave power

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

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

- a. People in South Dakota are angry about an oil pipeline. **T / F**
- b. A company wants to build an oil pipeline over a lake. **T / F**
- c. The Sioux people have lived near the lake for thousands of years. **T / F**
- d. The oil pipeline is almost finished. **T / F**
- e. Protestors call themselves "water protectors". **T / F**
- f. The protestors have been joined by retired members of the US military. **T / F**
- g. The protestors have built shelters for the veterans. **T / F**
- h. The protestors love the word 'protest'. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. angry | a. scary |
| 2. build | b. holy |
| 3. under | c. furious |
| 4. sacred | d. not long ago |
| 5. complete | e. non-violent |
| 6. block | f. finished |
| 7. recently | g. construct |
| 8. frightening | h. totally |
| 9. completely | i. stop |
| 10. peaceful | j. beneath |

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

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. People in the U.S. state of North Dakota | a. land for thousands of years |
| 2. an oil company is building a giant | b. for peaceful protest |
| 3. Native Americans who have been on the | c. based company |
| 4. They also say the pipeline will | d. pipe near their land |
| 5. A Texas- | e. members of the air force |
| 6. trying to block | f. shelters to keep warm |
| 7. retired soldiers, sailors and | g. are angry |
| 8. The veterans have built the protestors | h. water protectors |
| 9. completely prepared | i. damage sacred Sioux sites |
| 10. We're there to help the | j. the pipeline |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

People in the U.S. (1) _____ of North Dakota are angry because an oil company is building a (2) _____ pipe near their land. The oil company wants to build the multibillion-dollar oil pipeline under a (3) _____ near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The Sioux people are Native Americans who have been on the land for (4) _____ of years. The Native Americans have been (5) _____ by many protestors. They are all trying to stop the \$3.8 billion pipeline from passing near Sioux land. They say it will (6) _____ their drinking water and make it undrinkable. They also say the pipeline will damage (7) _____ Sioux sites. A Texas-based company, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline project. It is almost (8) _____.

thousands
dirty
state
complete
giant
sacred
lake
joined

The protestors are calling (9) _____ "water protectors". They have been on the site for months trying to (10) _____ the pipeline. They were recently joined by veterans from the U.S. military. These are (11) _____ soldiers, sailors and members of the air force. The veterans have built the protestors (12) _____ to keep warm in the freezing winter. There has been violence between the protestors and (13) _____. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "(14) _____". He said: "It's time for them to go home." However, Coast Guard (15) _____ Ashleigh Jennifer Parker said: "We will be unarmed, completely prepared for (16) _____ protest. We don't even like the word 'protest.' We're there to help the water protectors."

retired
themselves
police
veteran
block
peaceful
shelters
frightening

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

- 1) People in the U.S. state of North Dakota are angry because an oil company is _____
 - a. building a giant's pipe
 - b. building a giant piped
 - c. building the giant pipe
 - d. building a giant pipe
- 2) The oil company wants to build the multibillion-dollar oil pipeline _____
 - a. under a like
 - b. under a lake
 - c. under a loch
 - d. under a look
- 3) The Native Americans have been joined _____
 - a. in many protestors
 - b. of many protestors
 - c. by many protestors
 - d. at many protestors
- 4) They also say the pipeline will damage _____
 - a. sacred Sioux sites
 - b. sacred Sioux sates
 - c. sacred Sioux seats
 - d. sacred Sioux sighs
- 5) A Texas-based company, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km _____
 - a. pipeline project
 - b. pipeline projected
 - c. pipeline projector
 - d. pipeline projection
- 6) They have been on the site for months trying to _____
 - a. blocks the pipeline
 - b. blocked the pipeline
 - c. blocking the pipeline
 - d. block the pipeline
- 7) They were recently joined by veterans from _____
 - a. the U.S. militarly
 - b. the U.S. militarise
 - c. the U.S. militias
 - d. the U.S. military
- 8) These are retired soldiers, sailors and members of _____
 - a. the oxygen force
 - b. the O2 force
 - c. the air force
 - d. the sky force
- 9) The veterans have built the protestors shelters to keep warm in _____
 - a. the freeze winter
 - b. the freezing winter
 - c. the freeze in winter
 - d. the freezes winter
- 10) Parker said: "We will be unarmed, completely prepared _____"
 - a. for peace full protest
 - b. for peacefully protest
 - c. for peaceful protest
 - d. for piece full protest

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

People (1) _____ of North Dakota are angry because an oil company is building a giant (2) _____ land. The oil company wants to build the multibillion-dollar oil pipeline under a lake near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The Sioux (3) _____ Americans who have been on the land for thousands of years. The Native Americans have been joined by many protestors. They (4) _____ stop the \$3.8 billion pipeline from passing near Sioux land. They say it (5) _____ drinking water and make it undrinkable. They also say the pipeline will damage sacred Sioux sites. A Texas-based company, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline project. It (6) _____.

The protestors are (7) _____ "water protectors". They have been on the site for months (8) _____ the pipeline. They were recently joined by veterans from the U.S. military. These are retired soldiers, sailors and members (9) _____. The veterans have built the protestors shelters to (10) _____ freezing winter. There has been violence between the protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". He said: "It's (11) _____ go home." However, Coast Guard veteran Ashleigh Jennifer Parker said: "We will be unarmed, completely prepared for peaceful protest. We don't (12) _____ 'protest.' We're there to help the water protectors."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

1. About which American state is this news article?
2. What is the name of the Native American people?
3. How much money did the pipeline cost?
4. What do people think will become dirty because of the pipeline?
5. How long is the pipeline?
6. For how long have the protestors been on the site?
7. What did veterans build for the protestors?
8. What has broken out between protestors and police?
9. What did Ashleigh Jennifer Parker use to belong to?
10. What word don't the protestors like?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

- 1) About which American state is this news article?
 - a) New Hampshire
 - b) North Dakota
 - c) New Mexico
 - d) North Carolina
- 2) What is the name of the Native American people in the article?
 - a) Apache
 - b) Cheyenne
 - c) Lakota
 - d) Sioux
- 3) How much money did the pipeline cost?
 - a) \$3.8 billion
 - b) \$3.7 billion
 - c) \$3.6 billion
 - d) \$3.5 billion
- 4) What do people think will become dirty because of the pipeline?
 - a) politics
 - b) air
 - c) water
 - d) oil
- 5) How long is the pipeline?
 - a) 1,855-km
 - b) 1,885-km
 - c) 1,585-km
 - d) 1,555-km
- 6) For how long have the protestors been on the site?
 - a) since 2012
 - b) 3 weeks
 - c) months
 - d) 12 days
- 7) What did veterans build for the protestors?
 - a) a community centre
 - b) trenches
 - c) websites
 - d) shelters
- 8) What has broken out between protestors and police?
 - a) violence
 - b) chicken pox
 - c) laughter
 - d) a crime wave
- 9) What did Ashleigh Jennifer Parker use to belong to?
 - a) Coast Guard
 - b) Police
 - c) Marines
 - d) FBI
- 10) What word don't the protestors like?
 - a) oil
 - b) protest
 - c) pipeline
 - d) water

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Oil

You think oil is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their energy forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wind, nuclear or bio-fuel.

Role B – Wind

You think wind is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their energy forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): oil, nuclear or bio-fuel.

Role C – Nuclear

You think nuclear is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their energy forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wind, oil or bio-fuel.

Role D – Bio-fuel

You think bio-fuel is the best form of energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their energy forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): wind, nuclear or oil.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

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

military	veteran

- 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">• angry• lake• thousands• joined• dirty• owns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• block• recently• built• freezing• home• like
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PROTESTS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.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 springs to mind when you hear the word 'oil'?
3. What do you think about what you read?
4. What do you think should happen to the pipeline?
5. Why do oil companies damage the environment?
6. Do you think the oil company cares about drinking water?
7. Should the Sioux accept the pipeline is for the economy?
8. Are profit and oil more important than a lake?
9. What advice do you have for the Sioux?
10. What advice do you have for the oil company?

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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's the difference between protestors and water protectors?
13. Will the veterans joining the protest make a difference?
14. What would make you join a protest?
15. Who do you want to win, and why?
16. What should happen to the violent protestors?
17. What do you think of the word 'protest'?
18. What do you know about the Sioux?
19. What questions would you like to ask the protestors?
20. What questions would you like to ask the oil company?

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 protestors are calling themselves "water protectors". They have been on the site (7) _____ months trying to block the pipeline. They were (8) _____ joined by veterans from the U.S. military. These are retired soldiers, sailors and members of the air force. The veterans have (9) _____ the protestors shelters to keep warm in the freezing winter. There has been violence between the protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". He said: "It's (10) _____ for them to go home." However, Coast Guard veteran Ashleigh Jennifer Parker said: "We will be unarmed, (11) _____ prepared for peaceful protest. We don't even like the word 'protest.' We're (12) _____ to help the water protectors."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) state | (b) statues | (c) stated | (d) stating |
| 2. | (a) nearly | (b) neared | (c) near | (d) nears |
| 3. | (a) in | (b) at | (c) on | (d) for |
| 4. | (a) try | (b) trial | (c) tried | (d) trying |
| 5. | (a) drinkable | (b) drunk | (c) undrinkable | (d) drinking |
| 6. | (a) owners | (b) owns | (c) disowns | (d) downs |
| 7. | (a) by | (b) for | (c) at | (d) of |
| 8. | (a) recent | (b) recently | (c) regent | (d) elegant |
| 9. | (a) building | (b) builds | (c) built | (d) building |
| 10. | (a) timing | (b) times | (c) timed | (d) time |
| 11. | (a) completes | (b) completion | (c) complete | (d) completely |
| 12. | (a) that | (b) by | (c) gone | (d) there |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. building a tgain pipe
2. The Sioux people are ateNiv Americans
3. for sstduoanh of years
4. make it ilnbrkudena
5. the pipeline will gdmaae sacred Sioux sites
6. It is almost ctpelome

Paragraph 2

7. They were eyeltrcn joined by veterans
8. rdriete soldiers
9. ehsltser to keep warm
10. There has been iolvecne
11. We will be dramneu
12. lfauecpe protest

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) People in the U.S. state of North Dakota are angry because an oil company is building a giant pipe near
- () veteran Ashleigh Jennifer Parker said: "We will be unarmed, completely prepared for peaceful
- () to block the pipeline. They were recently joined by veterans from the U.S. military. These are retired soldiers,
- () winter. There has been violence between the protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some
- () sailors and members of the air force. The veterans have built the protestors shelters to keep warm in the freezing
- () of the protestors were "frightening". He said: "It's time for them to go home." However, Coast Guard
- () stop the \$3.8 billion pipeline from passing near Sioux land. They say it will dirty their drinking
- () thousands of years. The Native Americans have been joined by many protestors. They are all trying to
- () their land. The oil company wants to build the multibillion-dollar oil pipeline under a
- () water and make it undrinkable. They also say the pipeline will damage sacred Sioux sites. A Texas-based
- () lake near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The Sioux people are Native Americans who have been on the land for
- () company, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline project. It is almost complete.
- () protest. We don't even like the word 'protest'. We're there to help the water protectors."
- () The protestors are calling themselves "water protectors". They have been on the site for months trying

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

1. oil building pipe an is giant because company a Angry .
2. - pipeline lake multibillion oil a the dollar under Build .
3. Native by Americans many have protestors been The joined .
4. pipeline the trying They \$3.8 to are billion stop all .
5. also pipeline sacred They the damage sites say will Sioux .
6. The are themselves protectors' protestors calling 'water' .
7. block On for to pipeline site trying the the months .
8. warm keep to Shelters winter freezing the in .
9. between protestors has violence the There been .
10. 'protest' don't like word We even the .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

People in the U.S. state of North Dakota are *angrily* / *angry* because an oil company is building a giant pipe *near* / *nearly* their land. The oil company wants to *build* / *built* the multibillion-dollar oil pipeline under a lake near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. The Sioux people are Native Americans who have been *in* / *on* the land for thousands of years. The Native Americans have been *joint* / *joined* by many protestors. They are all trying to stop the \$3.8 billion pipeline from *parsing* / *passing* near Sioux land. They say it will *dirty* / *dirtied* their drinking water and make *it* / *them* undrinkable. They also say the pipeline will damage *scared* / *sacred* Sioux sites. A Texas-based company, Energy Transfer Partners, owns the 1,885-km pipeline project. It is almost *complete* / *completely*.

The protestors are calling *himself* / *themselves* "water protectors". They have been on the site for months trying to *block* / *back* the pipeline. They were recently joined *by* / *at* veterans from the U.S. military. These are *retired* / *retires* soldiers, sailors and members of the air force. The veterans have *build* / *built* the protestors shelters to keep warm in the *froze* / *freezing* winter. There has been violence between *the* / *a* protestors and police. A North Dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening". He said: "It's *timing* / *time* for them to go home." However, Coast Guard veteran Ashleigh Jennifer Parker said: "We will be *armed* / *unarmed*, completely prepared for peaceful protest. We don't even like the word 'protest.' We're there to help *the* / *there* water protectors."

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

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

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P__pl_ _n th_ _S. st_t_ _f N_rth D_k_t_ _r_ _ngry
b_c__s_ _n __l c_mp_ny _s b__ld_ng _ g__nt p_p_
n__r th__r l_nd. Th_ __l c_mp_ny w_nts t_ b__ld th_
m_lt_b_ll__n-d_ll_r __l p_p_l_n_ _nd_r _ l_k_ n__r
th_ St_nd_ng R_ck S__x R_srv_t__n. Th_ S__x
p__pl_ _r N_t_v_ _m_r_c_ns wh_ h_v_ b__n _n th_
l_nd f_r th__s_nds _f y__rs. Th_ N_t_v_ _m_r_c_ns
h_v_ b__n j__n_d by m_ny pr_t_st_rs. Th_y _r_ _ll
try_ng t_ st_p th_ \$3.8 b_ll__n p_p_l_n_ fr_m p_ss_ng
n__r S__x l_nd. Th_y s_y _t w_ll d_rty th__r drnk_ng
w_t_r _nd m_k_ _t _ndrnk_bl_. Th_y _ls_ s_y th_
p_p_l_n_ w_ll d_m_g_ s_cr_d S__x s_t_s. _ T_x_s-
b_s_d c_mp_ny, _nrgy Tr_nsf_r P_rtn_rs, _wns th_
1,885-km p_p_l_n_ pr_j_ct. _t_s _lm_st c_mpl_t_.

Th_ pr_t_st_rs _r_ c_llng th_ms_lv_s "w_t_r
pr_t_ct_rs". Th_y h_v_ b__n _n th_ s_t_ f_r m_nths
try_ng t_ bl_ck th_ p_p_l_n_. Th_y w_r_ r_c_ntly
j__n_d by v_t_r_ns fr_m th_ _S. m_l_t_ry. Th_s_ _r_
r_t_r_d s_ld__rs, s__l_rs _nd m_mb_rs _f th_ __r
f_rc_. Th_ v_t_r_ns h_v_ b__lt th_ pr_t_st_rs sh_lt_rs
t_k__p w_rm _n th_ fr__z_ng w_nt_r. Th_r_ h_s b__n
v__l_nc_ b_tw__n th_ pr_t_st_rs _nd p_l_c_. _ N_rth
D_k_t_ sp_k_sm_n s__d s_m_ _f th_ pr_t_st_rs w_r_
"fr_ght_n_ng". H_ s__d: "_t's t_m_ f_r th_m t_g_
h_m_." H_w_v_r, C__st G__rd v_t_r_n _shl__gh
J_nn_f_r P_rk_r s__d: "W_ w_ll b_ _n_rm_d,
c_mpl_t_ly pr_p_r_d f_r p__c_f_l pr_t_st. W_ d_n't
_v_n l_k_ th_ w_r'd 'pr_t_st.' W_'r_ th_r_ t_ h_lp th_
w_t_r pr_t_ct_rs."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1612/161205-oil-pipeline.html>

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the protestors are calling themselves "water protectors" they have been on the site for months trying to block the pipeline they were recently joined by veterans from the us military these are retired soldiers sailors and members of the air force the veterans have built the protestors shelters to keep warm in the freezing winter there has been violence between the protestors and police a north dakota spokesman said some of the protestors were "frightening" he said "it's time for them to go home" however coast guard veteran ashleigh jennifer parker said "we will be unarmed completely prepared for peaceful protest we don't even like the word 'protest' we're there to help the water protectors"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

4. PIPELINES: Write a magazine article about a total ban on oil pipelines going through countryside. 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 pipelines. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make sure they do not damage the environment. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. angry | a. furious |
| 2. build | b. construct |
| 3. under | c. beneath |
| 4. sacred | d. holy |
| 5. complete | e. finished |
| 6. block | f. stop |
| 7. recently | g. not long ago |
| 8. frightening | h. scary |
| 9. completely | i. totally |
| 10. peaceful | j. non-violent |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. North Dakota
2. Sioux
3. \$3.8 billion
4. Drinking water
5. 1,885 km
6. Months
7. Shelters
8. Violence
9. The Coast Guard
10. 'Protest'

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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