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Mining CEO quits after destruction of ancient caves

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

The CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction of two sacred Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be a speedy exit. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and head for the door. He handed in his notice after the furor created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining for high-grade iron ore. The CEO acknowledged there was no doubt the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves are sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is evidence to show they were used as dwellings as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing stone tools.

The blasts at the caves led to international condemnation and adversely affected Rio Tinto's reputation worldwide. The blasting took place against the wishes of the traditional owners of the site, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people. They accused the mining giant of a blatant disregard of their culture and traditions, purely in a quest for greater profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to occur ever again." The Rio Tinto chair offered an apology. He said: "What happened at Juukan was wrong and we are determined to ensure that the destruction of a heritage site of such exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a Rio Tinto operation."

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/rio-tinto-ceo-steps-down-over-destruction-of-46-000-year-old-aboriginal-caves-12068732>
<https://www.mining-technology.com/news/rio-tinto-ceo/>
<https://www.smh.com.au/business/companies/investors-want-rio-tinto-to-reconnect-with-its-australian-identity-20200911-p55us1.html>

WARM-UPS

1. MINING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about mining. 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?

CEO / mining / sacred / Aboriginal / speedy / exit / desk / furor / iron ore / tools / blasts / reputation / wishes / owners / profits / heritage / cultural / archaeological

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

3. HERITAGE: Students A **strongly** believe a country's heritage isn't so important; Students B **strongly** believe it is. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DWELLINGS: What are the pros and cons of living in these kinds of dwellings? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Caves		
Igloos		
Tents		
Caravans		
Mountain huts		
Tree house		

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

6. HERITAGE: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Archaeological sites
- Local dialects
- Dances
- Stories
- Music
- Forests
- Art
- Theatre

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. resigned | a. An outbreak of public anger. |
| 2. destruction | b. Regarded with great respect and reverence by a particular religion, group, or individual. |
| 3. sacred | c. The action or process of causing so much damage to something that it no longer exists. |
| 4. notice | d. A house, apartment, cave, hut or other place where people live. |
| 5. furor | e. Voluntarily left a job or other position. |
| 6. demolition | f. A formal declaration of one's intention to stop working in or quit a job. |
| 7. dwelling | g. The action or process of being completely knocked down or destroyed. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. blast | h. Done openly and unashamedly. |
| 9. condemnation | i. A long search for something. |
| 10. adversely | j. Pay no attention to; ignore. |
| 11. blatant | k. The expression of very strong disapproval. |
| 12. disregard | l. Unusually good; outstanding. |
| 13. quest | m. An explosion or explosive firing, especially of a bomb or dynamite. |
| 14. exceptional | n. In a way that prevents success or development; harmfully or unfavorably. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

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

- a. Rio Tinto is the world's largest mining company. **T / F**
- b. The CEO had to leave his post and his office last week. **T / F**
- c. The company was mining for iron ore. **T / F**
- d. The caves may have been inhabited in the Old Stone Age. **T / F**
- e. The indigenous people did not grant permission to the mining company. **T / F**
- f. The indigenous people said the mining company just wanted profits. **T / F**
- g. The company is yet to make an apology for its actions. **T / F**
- h. The company said it would never do such a thing again. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. resigned | a. outstanding |
| 2. sacred | b. accepted |
| 3. furor | c. proof |
| 4. acknowledged | d. shameless |
| 5. evidence | e. revered |
| 6. condemnation | f. intent on |
| 7. blatant | g. quit |
| 8. determined | h. importance |
| 9. exceptional | i. uproar |
| 10. significance | j. criticism |

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. the destruction of two sacred | a. as dwellings |
| 2. empty his desk and head | b. of a heritage site |
| 3. The company was mining for | c. stone tools |
| 4. evidence to show they were used | d. condemnation |
| 5. when humans were developing | e. Aboriginal sites |
| 6. international | f. of the traditional owners |
| 7. against the wishes | g. cultural significance |
| 8. in a quest | h. for the door |
| 9. the destruction | i. for greater profits |
| 10. archaeological and | j. high-grade iron ore |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

The CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction of two (1) _____ Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be a speedy (2) _____. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and (3) _____ for the door. He handed in his notice after the (4) _____ created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining for high-(5) _____ iron ore. The CEO acknowledged there was no (6) _____ the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves are sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is (7) _____ to show they were used as dwellings as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing stone (8) _____.

furor
grade
tools
exit
head
evidence
sacred
doubt

The (9) _____ at the caves led to international condemnation and adversely affected Rio Tinto's (10) _____ worldwide. The blasting took place against the (11) _____ of the traditional owners of the site, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people. They accused the mining giant of a (12) _____ disregard of their culture and traditions, purely in a (13) _____ for greater profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to occur ever again." The Rio Tinto chair offered an (14) _____. He said: "What happened at Juukan was wrong and we are determined to (15) _____ that the destruction of a heritage site of such exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a Rio Tinto (16) _____."

apology
operation
reputation
ensure
blasts
blatant
quest
wishes

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) However, it will not be a _____
 - a. speedy exits
 - b. speedy exited
 - c. speedy egg sit
 - d. speedy exit
- 2) He handed in his notice after _____
 - a. the four created
 - b. the furrier created
 - c. the fairer created
 - d. the furor created
- 3) The CEO acknowledged there was no doubt the company could have made " _____ "
 - a. better decision
 - b. better decisions
 - c. better incisions
 - d. better dis shuns
- 4) The ancient caves are sacred to Australia's indigenous _____
 - a. Aboriginal community
 - b. Aboriginal communes ties
 - c. Aboriginal commune its
 - d. Aboriginal communities
- 5) as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were _____
 - a. develop in stone tools
 - b. develop ping stone tools
 - c. developing stone tools
 - d. develop pine, stone tools
- 6) The blasts at the caves led to international condemnation _____
 - a. and adversely affected
 - b. and adversely reflected
 - c. and adversely infected
 - d. and adversely deflected
- 7) The blasting took place against the wishes of the traditional owners _____
 - a. of the sight
 - b. of the sate
 - c. of the sigh
 - d. of the site
- 8) the mining giant of a blatant disregard of their culture and traditions, purely _____
 - a. in a quest
 - b. inner quest
 - c. on a quest
 - d. owner quest
- 9) The Rio Tinto chair _____
 - a. proffered an apology
 - b. coffered an apology
 - c. covered an apology
 - d. offered an apology
- 10) archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a _____
 - a. Rio Tinto operative
 - b. Rio Tinto opera shun
 - c. Rio Tinto operating
 - d. Rio Tinto operation

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

1. How many sacred sites were destroyed?
2. By when does the CEO have to leave the company?
3. How old were the caves that were destroyed?
4. What was the company mining?
5. What does evidence show the caves were used as?
6. What did the destruction of the caves do to the company's image?
7. What did the traditional owners accuse the company of wanting?
8. What did the owners say they would never allow again?
9. What did the chair of the company offer?
10. Where did the chair say such destruction would never occur again?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

- 1) How many sacred sites were destroyed?
 - a) four
 - b) one
 - c) two
 - d) three
- 2) By when does the CEO have to leave the company?
 - a) March
 - b) next week
 - c) the weekend
 - d) ASAP
- 3) How old were the caves that were destroyed?
 - a) 48,000 years old
 - b) 46,000 years old
 - c) 42,000 years old
 - d) 47,000 years old
- 4) What was the company mining?
 - a) coal
 - b) opals
 - c) gold
 - d) iron ore
- 5) What does evidence show the caves were used as?
 - a) art galleries
 - b) storehouses
 - c) dwellings
 - d) factories
- 6) What did the destruction of the caves do to the company's image?
 - a) destroyed it
 - b) badly affected it
 - c) enhanced it
 - d) not much
- 7) What did the traditional owners accuse the company of wanting?
 - a) workers
 - b) an apology
 - c) land
 - d) profits
- 8) What did the owners say they would never allow again?
 - a) caves
 - b) such destruction
 - c) mining
 - d) people to walk on their land
- 9) What did the chair of the company offer?
 - a) land
 - b) an apology
 - c) to rebuild the caves
 - d) money
- 10) Where did the chair say such destruction would never occur again?
 - a) at a Rio Tinto operation
 - b) in a cave
 - c) in Australia
 - d) anywhere in the world

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Ancient Sites

You think ancient sites are the most important part of heritage to protect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of protection of these (and why): dance, forests or local dialects.

Role B – Dance

You think dance is the most important part of heritage to protect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of protection of these (and why): ancient sites, forests or local dialects.

Role C – Forests

You think forests are the most important part of heritage to protect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of protection of these (and why): dance, ancient sites or local dialects.

Role D – Local Dialects

You think local dialects are the most important part of heritage to protect. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least worthy of protection of these (and why): dance, forests or ancient sites.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

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

mining	cave
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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">• resigned• exit• notice• notice• high• show	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• affected• wishes• giant• type• wrong• ensure
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MINING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about mining 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.

MINING 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 'mining'?
3. What do you know about mining?
4. Do mining companies care about the environment?
5. Do mining companies have the right to take things from the earth?
6. What do you know about Aboriginal cultures?
7. What do you think of the destruction of the caves?
8. How important are 46,000-year-old sacred sites?
9. What advice do you have for mining companies?
10. What was life like in the Old Stone Age?

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MINING 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 'cave'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think about mining?
15. Would you condemn the mining company?
16. What do we need mining companies for?
17. Should the wishes of the Aboriginal communities be respected?
18. Is it immoral to put profits over the destruction of ancient sites?
19. How confident are you the company will mine responsibly from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask mining company CEOs?

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 CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has (1) _____ following the destruction of two sacred Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be a (2) _____ exit. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and (3) _____ for the door. He handed in his notice after the furor created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining for high- (4) _____ iron ore. The CEO acknowledged there was no doubt the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves are sacred (5) _____ Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is evidence to show they were used as dwellings as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing stone (6) _____.

The blasts at the caves led to international condemnation and (7) _____ affected Rio Tinto's reputation worldwide. The blasting took place (8) _____ the wishes of the traditional owners of the site, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people. They accused the mining giant of a blatant disregard of their culture and traditions, purely in a (9) _____ for greater profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to (10) _____ ever again." The Rio Tinto chair offered an apology. He said: "What happened at Juukan was wrong and we are determined to ensure that the destruction of a heritage site of (11) _____ exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a Rio Tinto (12) _____."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) resigned | (b) sined | (c) signature | (d) resolved |
| 2. | (a) pedant | (b) secretariat | (c) speedy | (d) posted |
| 3. | (a) foot | (b) back | (c) head | (d) arm |
| 4. | (a) point | (b) mark | (c) score | (d) grade |
| 5. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) as | (d) on |
| 6. | (a) kit | (b) tools | (c) gear | (d) equipment |
| 7. | (a) reverses | (b) assuages | (c) concocts | (d) adversely |
| 8. | (a) post | (b) against | (c) con | (d) disadvantage |
| 9. | (a) inquest | (b) conquest | (c) quest | (d) sequester |
| 10. | (a) incident | (b) occur | (c) event | (d) prevalence |
| 11. | (a) whole | (b) all | (c) so | (d) such |
| 12. | (a) surgery | (b) operation | (c) mission | (d) supervision |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. arcsed Aboriginal sites
2. He handed in his notice after the urfor created
3. the mioletidon of 46,000-year-old caves
4. The CEO kocewIndgaed that
5. niinegodus Aboriginal communities
6. There is vedinece to show they were

Paragraph 2

7. led to international dmcennatioon
8. vedresaly affected
9. a labntat disregard of their culture
10. allow this type of nestadvotai
11. a tearihge site
12. cultural snfangieccii

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () at Juukan was wrong and we are determined to ensure that the destruction of a heritage site of such
- () The blasts at the caves led to international condemnation and adversely affected Rio Tinto's reputation
- () worldwide. The blasting took place against the wishes of the traditional owners of the site, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama
- () exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a Rio Tinto operation."
- () desk and head for the door. He handed in his notice after the furor created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old
- () are sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is evidence to show they were used
- () and Pinikura people. They accused the mining giant of a blatant disregard of their culture and traditions, purely in a
- (**1**) The CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction of two
- () quest for greater profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to
- () sacred Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be a speedy exit. The CEO has until March to empty his
- () caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining for high-grade iron ore. The CEO acknowledged there was
- () no doubt the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves
- () occur ever again." The Rio Tinto chair offered an apology. He said: "What happened
- () as dwellings as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing stone tools.

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

1. The largest mining CEO company . of world's the
2. his Empty and the for head door . desk
3. furor . handed in his notice the after He
4. for The iron high-grade was company mining ore .
5. as they to were used Evidence show dwellings .
6. to led Blasts caves the international at condemnation .
7. traditional the wishes of the Against owners .
8. blatant disregard traditions . A and their culture of
9. greater quest in a profits . for Purely
10. heritage exceptional significance . cultural site A of such

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

The CEO of *one / only* of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction of two *scared / sacred* Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be a *speedy / speed* exit. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and *face / head* for the door. He handed *up / in* his notice after the *furor / furry* created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining *for / to* high-grade iron ore. The CEO acknowledged there was no *debt / doubt* the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves are sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is *evidence / evidential* to show they were used as dwellings as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing *stoned / stone* tools.

The *blasted / blasts* at the caves led to international condemnation and adversely affected Rio Tinto's reputation *worldly / worldwide*. The blasting took place against the *wishes / covets* of the traditional owners of the site, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people. They accused the mining *gigantic / giant* of a blatant disregard of their culture and traditions, purely in a quest *of / for* greater profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to occur ever *against / again*." The Rio Tinto chair *offered / tendered* an apology. He said: "What happened at Juukan was wrong and we are determined *as / to* ensure that the destruction of a heritage site *of / at* such exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a Rio Tinto *surgery / operation*."

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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The CEO of the world's largest mining company, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction of two sacred Aboriginal sites. However, the will not be speedy. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and hand over the deed. He handed in his notice after the former created by the damlit on 46,000-year-old caves in the Jukun Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining for high-grade iron. The CEO acknowledges that he was not but the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. The residents show they would be dwellings for back the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing stone tools.

The blasts at the caves led to international condemnation and adversely affected Rio Tinto's reputation worldwide. The blasting took place against the wishes of the traditional owners of the site, the Pitjantjatjara and Pitjantjara people. They accused the mining giant of "blatant disregard for their culture and traditions, purely in quest for greater profits". They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to occur over ground." The Rio Tinto chair fired an apology. He said: "What happened at Jukun was wrong and we're determined to ensure that the destruction of heritage sites of such exceptional cultural significance never occurs again at Rio Tinto plants."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

the ceo of one of the worlds largest mining companies rio tinto has resigned following the destruction of two sacred aboriginal sites however it will not be a speedy exit the ceo has until march to empty his desk and head for the door he handed in his notice after the furor created by the demolition of 46000yearold caves in the juukan gorge in western australia the company was mining for highgrade iron ore the ceo acknowledged there was no doubt the company could have made better decisions the ancient caves are sacred to australias indigenous aboriginal communities there is evidence to show they were used as dwellings as far back as the old stone age when humans were developing stone tools

the blasts at the caves led to international condemnation and adversely affected rio tintos reputation worldwide the blasting took place against the wishes of the traditional owners of the site the puutu kunti kurruma and pinikura people they accused the mining giant of a blatant disregard of their culture and traditions purely in a quest for greater profits they said we cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to occur ever again the rio tinto chair offered an apology he said what happened at juukan was wrong and we are determined to ensure that the destruction of a heritage site of such exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a rio tinto operation

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200916-mining.html>

The CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction of two sacred Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be a speedy exit. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and head for the door. He handed in his notice after the furor created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining for high-grade iron ore. The CEO acknowledged there was no doubt the company could have made "better decisions". The ancient caves are sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is evidence to show they were used as dwellings as far back as the Old Stone Age, when humans were developing stone tools. The blasts at the caves led to international condemnation and adversely affected Rio Tinto's reputation worldwide. The blasting took place against the wishes of the traditional owners of the site, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pindjari people. They accused the mining giant of a blatant disregard of their culture and traditions, purely in a quest for greater profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of devastation to occur ever again." The Rio Tinto chairman offered an apology. He said: "What happened at Juukan was wrong and we are determined to ensure that the destruction of a heritage site of such exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a Rio Tinto operation."

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

4. ANCIENT SITES: Write a magazine article about governments legally protecting all ancient sites. 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 mining. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on mining. 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. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Two
- March
- 46,000 years old
- (High-grade) iron-ore
- Dwellings
- Adversely affected it
- Profits
- Such destruction
- An apology
- At a Rio Tinto operation

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- The CEO of the world's largest mining company.
- Empty his desk and head for the door.
- He handed in his notice after the furor.
- The company was mining for high-grade iron ore.
- Evidence to show they were used as dwellings.
- Blasts at the caves led to international condemnation.
- Against the wishes of the traditional owners.
- A blatant disregard of their culture and traditions.
- Purely in a quest for greater profits.
- A heritage site of such exceptional cultural significance.

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 ;-)