

## Vocabulary

### Paragraph 1

1.	resigned	a.	<b>An outbreak of public anger.</b>
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.	<b>Done openly and unashamedly.</b>
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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if 1-8 below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Rio Tinto is the world's largest mining company. T / F
2. The CEO had to leave his post and his office last week. T / F
3. The company was mining for iron ore. T / F
4. The caves may have been inhabited in the Old Stone Age. T / F
5. The indigenous people did not grant permission to the mining company. T / F
6. The indigenous people said the mining company just wanted profits. T / F
7. The company is yet to make an apology for its actions. T / F
8. The company said it would never do such a thing again. T / F

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

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

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

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

## Gap fill

Put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.

*furor*

*grade*

*tools*

*exit*

*head*

*evidence*

*sacred*

*doubt*

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) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Put these words into the spaces in the paragraph below.**

*apology*

*operation*

*reputation*

*ensure*

*blasts*

*blatant*

*quest*

*wishes*

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) \_\_\_\_\_."

**Listening – Guess the answers. Listen to check.**

- 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

The CEO of one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto, has resigned following the destruction (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Aboriginal sites. However, it will not be (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The CEO has until March to empty his desk and head for the door. He handed (3) \_\_\_\_\_ after the furor created by the demolition of 46,000-year-old caves in the Juukan Gorge in Western Australia. The company was mining (4) \_\_\_\_\_ ore. The CEO acknowledged there was no doubt the company could have made "better decisions". The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ sacred to Australia's indigenous Aboriginal communities. There is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Rio Tinto's reputation worldwide. The blasting took place against the wishes of the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the site, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura people. They accused the mining giant of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of their culture and traditions, purely in a quest

for greater profits. They said: "We cannot and will not allow this type of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ever again." The Rio Tinto chair (11) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "What happened at Juukan was wrong and we are determined to ensure that the destruction of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of such exceptional archaeological and cultural significance never occurs again at a Rio Tinto operation."

## Comprehension questions

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

- 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