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Level 4 – 13th May 2024

Anti-oil protestors try to damage the Magna Carta

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240513-magna-carta-4.html>

Climate protestors tried to damage a world-famous document – the Magna Carta. Two women in their 80s went to the British Library to attack the document. They damaged the document's case using a hammer and a chisel. Police charged them with criminal damage. Security officers stopped them from doing further damage. The Magna Carta stayed safe. The women are from the Just Stop Oil group. They accused the UK of breaking climate laws.

The Magna Carta is a royal charter from 1215. It states that everyone is equal under the law. It guarantees everyone a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the document influenced the development of Western democracy, and the U.S. Constitution. The two protestors said the Magna Carta was important for our freedoms. They added that: "There will be no freedom, no lawfulness, no rights, if we allow climate breakdown."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/article/2024/may/11/two-women-charged-magna-carta-protest-in-london>
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/climate-activists-attack-case-holding-original-magna-carta-london>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magna_Carta

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. climate | a. safe |
| 2. a world-famous | b. group |
| 3. Two women in | c. document |
| 4. a hammer | d. climate laws |
| 5. Police charged them with | e. and a chisel |
| 6. The Magna Carta stayed | f. protestors |
| 7. from the Just Stop Oil | g. criminal damage |
| 8. They accused the UK of breaking | h. their 80s |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Magna Carta is a royal | a. Constitution |
| 2. everyone is equal | b. a fair trial |
| 3. It guarantees everyone | c. breakdown |
| 4. the development of Western | d. under the law |
| 5. the U.S. | e. for our freedoms |
| 6. Magna Carta was important | f. charter |
| 7. There will | g. democracy |
| 8. if we allow climate | h. be no freedom |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Climate protestors (1) _____ a world-famous document – the Magna Carta. Two women (2) _____ went to the British Library to (3) _____. They damaged the document's case using a hammer (4) _____. Police charged them with criminal damage. Security officers stopped them from (5) _____. The Magna Carta stayed safe. The women are from the Just Stop Oil group. (6) _____ UK of breaking climate laws.

The Magna Carta is (7) _____ from 1215. It states that everyone is (8) _____ law. It guarantees everyone a fair trial, with a jury. Historians say the (9) _____ development of Western democracy, and the U.S. Constitution. The (10) _____ the Magna Carta was important for our freedoms. They added that: "There will (11) _____, no lawfulness, no rights, if we (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Climateprotestorstriedtodamageaworld-famousdocument–theMagnaCarta.Twowomenintheir80swenttotheBritishLibrarytoattackthedocument.Theydamagedthedocument'scaseusingahammerandchisel.Policechargedthemwithcriminaldamage.Securityofficersstoppedthemfromdoingfurtherdamage.TheMagnaCartastayed safe.ThewomenarefromtheJustStopOilgroup.TheyaccusedtheUKofbreakingclimate laws.TheMagnaCartaisaroyalcharterfrom1215.Itstatesthat everyoneisequalunderthelaw.Itguaranteeseveryoneafairtrial,withajury.HistorianssaythedocumentinfluencedthedevelopmentofWestern democracy,andtheU.S.Constitution.ThetwoprotestorssaidtheMagnaCartawasimportantforourfreedoms.Theyaddedthat:"Therewillbenofreedom,nolawfulness,norights,ifweallowclimatebreakdown."

OIL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about oil in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **oil** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
