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1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?

2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.



4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. Where was the famous Mask of Tutankhamun discovered in 1922?
 - a) The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
 - b) The Valley of the Kings
 - c) Machu Picchu
2. What word describes an object made by humans which is of historical interest?
 - a) artefact
 - b) loot
 - c) bottleneck
3. "I like this music because it's not too hard or too soft – it's really____."
 - a) piggy-in-the-middle
 - b) middle-man
 - c) middle-of-the-road
4. What is 'something new that is introduced into a situation and completely changes it'?
 - a) a game changer
 - b) a game over
 - c) a fool's game
5. Which word is similar in meaning to 'stolen'?
 - a) booted
 - b) rooted
 - c) looted
6. What is a bottleneck?
 - a) a problem that has no solution
 - b) a problem that is bigger than it seems
 - c) a problem that delays things from progressing



6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.



Answers

3.

- a. artefact – object made by humans, such as a tool or decoration, which is of historical interest
- b. looted – forcefully stolen
- c. game changer – new element that is introduced into a situation and completely changes how it operates
- d. bottleneck – problem that delays a process or stops it from progressing
- e. repatriate – return something or someone to the country they originally came from
- f. middle-of-the-road – not extreme; acceptable to most people

5. 1b, 2a, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6c

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6 Minute English worksheet

The criminal trade in ancient objects



Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.