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## The climbing of Australia's Uluru now banned

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

People are now banned from climbing one of the most sacred sites in indigenous Australian culture. The world's largest monolith, the giant Uluru in the desert of Australia's Northern Territory, is now officially off-limits to tourists and climbers. It will be closed from October 25 in recognition of the site's cultural significance to the local Anangu traditional owners. The giant site was once known as Ayers Rock, before it reverted to its historic name of Uluru. It has been a major attraction for decades. Tourists from around the world have flocked there in droves to climb the rock. However, it is a sacred site in Anangu culture. The Anangu custodians of the rock have long campaigned for the ban.

The ban was initially announced in 2017 and most visitors complied with it. Australia's tourist association said that only 16 per cent of visitors have actually climbed the rock since 2017. Local Anangu man Rameth Thomas, who grew up in a tiny community near Uluru, explained to the BBC how important the rock is to his people. He said: "That place is a very sacred place. That's like our church. I've been telling them since I was a little boy: 'We don't want you to climb the rock.'" He added: "All of our stories are on the rock. People right around the world come just to climb it. They've got no respect." Another resident said: "If I tried to climb on top of that parliament house at Canberra, they wouldn't let me in."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. ULURU:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Uluru. 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?

climbing / indigenous / culture / desert / significance / attraction / decades / ban / initially / tourist / association / community / rock / sacred / resident / parliament

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

**3. TOURISM:** Students A **strongly** believe tourism is a great thing; Students B **strongly** believe tourism is a bad thing. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. ROCKS:** What do you know about these rocks? What would you like to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                              | Where Is It? | What I Know | What I Want To Know |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Uluru                        |              |             |                     |
| Stonehenge                   |              |             |                     |
| The Blarney Stone            |              |             |                     |
| The Rosetta Stone            |              |             |                     |
| Mount Rushmore               |              |             |                     |
| The Black Stone of the Kaaba |              |             |                     |

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

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

- Uluru
- Eiffel Tower
- Table Mountain
- Copacabana Beach
- Mount Fuji
- Taj Mahal
- The Pyramids
- The Great Wall of China

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. sacred     | a. Out of bounds; not allowed in or near.                              |
| 2. indigenous | b. Connected with God or the gods or dedicated to a religious purpose. |
| 3. monolith   | c. A large single upright block of stone.                              |
| 4. off-limits | d. Moved as large groups of people.                                    |
| 5. reverted   | e. A person who has responsibility for or looks after something.       |
| 6. flocked    | f. Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place.           |
| 7. custodian  | g. Returned to a previous state.                                       |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 8. initially   | h. A group of people living together in one place.                                   |
| 9. complied    | i. A place where a country's government meets.                                       |
| 10. tiny       | j. A person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.                 |
| 11. community  | k. Very, very small.   |
| 12. respect    | l. A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something because of their abilities. |
| 13. resident   | m. At first.   |
| 14. parliament | n. Acted in accordance with a wish or command.                                       |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

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

- a. Only local people can climb Uluru after October 25. **T / F**
- b. Uluru is now off-limits to tourists and climbers. **T / F**
- c. The site Uluru was once known as Uluru Rock. **T / F**
- d. The Anangu people refused to take part in a campaign to ban climbing. **T / F**
- e. The first Uluru climbing ban was issued in 2017. **T / F**
- f. Sixteen per cent of visitors have climbed Uluru since 2017. **T / F**
- g. A local man said all his people's stories are written on Uluru. **T / F**
- h. Another local man said he had climbed Australia's parliament building. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1. banned</b>        | a. citizen       |
| <b>2. sacred</b>        | b. returned      |
| <b>3. off limits</b>    | c. followed      |
| <b>4. reverted</b>      | d. hallowed      |
| <b>5. campaigned</b>    | e. first         |
| <b>6. initially</b>     | f. scale         |
| <b>7. complied with</b> | g. prohibited    |
| <b>8. community</b>     | h. fought        |
| <b>9. climb</b>         | i. neighborhood  |
| <b>10. resident</b>     | j. out of bounds |

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

- |                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. People are now banned              | a. is to his people  |
| 2. one of the most sacred             | b. name of Uluru     |
| 3. The world's largest monolith,      | c. house             |
| 4. before it reverted to its historic | d. sites             |
| 5. flocked there in                   | e. the rock          |
| 6. The ban was initially              | f. from climbing     |
| 7. grew up in a tiny                  | g. droves            |
| 8. how important the rock             | h. community         |
| 9. All of our stories are on          | i. the giant Uluru   |
| 10. on top of that parliament         | j. announced in 2017 |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

People are now (1) \_\_\_\_\_ from climbing one of the most sacred sites in indigenous Australian (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The world's largest monolith, the giant Uluru in the desert of Australia's Northern Territory, is now officially (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to tourists and climbers. It will be closed from October 25 in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the site's cultural significance to the local Anangu traditional owners. The giant site was once known as Ayers Rock, before it (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to its historic name of Uluru. It has been a major (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for decades. Tourists from around the world have (7) \_\_\_\_\_ there in droves to climb the rock. However, it is a sacred site in Anangu culture. The Anangu (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the rock have long campaigned for the ban.

*attraction*  
*off-limits*  
*custodians*  
*banned*  
*reverted*  
*culture*  
*flocked*  
*recognition*

The ban was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ announced in 2017 and most visitors complied with it. Australia's tourist (10) \_\_\_\_\_ said that only 16 per cent of visitors have actually climbed the rock since 2017. Local Anangu man Rameth Thomas, who grew up in a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ community near Uluru, explained to the BBC how important the rock is to his people. He said: "That place is a very (12) \_\_\_\_\_ place. That's like our (13) \_\_\_\_\_. I've been telling them since I was a little boy: 'We don't want you to climb the rock.'" He added: "All of our (14) \_\_\_\_\_ are on the rock. People right around the world come just to climb it. They've got no (15) \_\_\_\_\_." Another resident said: "If I tried to climb on top of that (16) \_\_\_\_\_ house at Canberra, they wouldn't let me in."

*tiny*  
*church*  
*parliament*  
*association*  
*respect*  
*initially*  
*sacred*  
*stories*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

- 1) People are now banned from climbing one of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. most scared sites
  - b. most scarred sites
  - c. most sacred sites
  - d. most scored sites
- 2) Uluru in the desert of Australia's Northern Territory, is now \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. official down-limits
  - b. officially on-limits
  - c. official up-limits
  - d. officially off-limits
- 3) It will be closed from October 25 in recognition of the site's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. cultural significant
  - b. cultural significance
  - c. culturally significance
  - d. culturally significant
- 4) The giant site was once known as Ayers Rock, before it reverted to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its hysteric name
  - b. its historic name
  - c. its hysterics name
  - d. its hysterical name
- 5) The Anangu custodians of the rock have long \_\_\_\_\_ the ban
  - a. campaign for
  - b. camp aimed for
  - c. cam pined for
  - d. campaigned for
- 6) The ban was initially announced in 2017 and most visitors \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. complied with it
  - b. compiled with it
  - c. compiles with it
  - d. complier with it
- 7) tourist association said that only 16 per cent of visitors have actually \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. climbed a rock
  - b. climbed their rock
  - c. climbed these rock
  - d. climbed the rock
- 8) Local Anangu man Rameth Thomas, who grew up in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a tinny community
  - b. a tiny community
  - c. a teeny community
  - d. a tints community
- 9) People right around the world come just to climb it. They've \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. got no respective
  - b. got no respecter
  - c. got no respects
  - d. got no respect
- 10) Another resident said: "If I tried to climb on top of that \_\_\_\_\_..."
  - a. parliament house
  - b. parliament hill
  - c. parliament mountain
  - d. parliament rock

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

People are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ climbing one of the most sacred sites in indigenous Australian culture. The world's largest monolith, the giant Uluru in the desert of Australia's Northern Territory, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ off-limits to tourists and climbers. It will be closed from October 25 in recognition of the site's cultural significance to the local Anangu traditional owners. The giant site (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as Ayers Rock, before it reverted to its historic name of Uluru. It has been a major (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Tourists from around the world have flocked there (5) \_\_\_\_\_ climb the rock. However, it is a sacred site in Anangu culture. The Anangu custodians of the rock (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for the ban.

The ban (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2017 and most visitors complied with it. Australia's tourist (8) \_\_\_\_\_ only 16 per cent of visitors have actually climbed the rock since 2017. Local Anangu man Rameth Thomas, who grew up (9) \_\_\_\_\_ community near Uluru, explained to the BBC how important the rock is to his people. He said: "That place is a (10) \_\_\_\_\_. That's like our church. I've been telling them since I was a little boy: 'We don't want you to climb the rock.'" He added: "All of our stories are on the rock. People right around the world come just to climb it. They've (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Another resident said: "If I tried to climb on top of that (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Canberra, they wouldn't let me in."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

1. What is the world's largest monolith?
2. Who are the Anangu people?
3. What was Uluru once called?
4. Who did the article say flocked to the rock in droves?
5. What did the Anangu campaign for?
6. When was an initial climbing ban introduced?
7. What percentage of visitors has climbed Uluru since 2017?
8. Where did Rameth Thomas grow up?
9. What did Rameth Thomas say was on the rock?
10. What did a local resident say he wouldn't be allowed to climb?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

- 1) What is the world's largest monolith?
  - a) Stonehenge
  - b) Table Mountain
  - c) Uluru
  - d) The Great Wall of China
- 2) Who are the Anangu people?
  - a) Uluru's traditional owners
  - b) tourist operators
  - c) a group of climbers
  - d) a community in Canberra
- 3) What was Uluru once called?
  - a) Ayers Rock
  - b) Australia Rock
  - c) Uluru Rock
  - d) Northern Territory Rock
- 4) Who did the article say flocked to the rock in droves?
  - a) birds
  - b) tourists
  - c) sheep
  - d) photographers
- 5) What did the Anangu campaign for?
  - a) world peace
  - b) the restoration of Uluru
  - c) a total ban on tourists
  - d) a climbing ban
- 6) When was an initial climbing ban introduced?
  - a) 2015
  - b) 2017
  - c) 2013
  - d) 2011
- 7) What percentage of visitors has climbed Uluru since 2017?
  - a) 16%
  - b) 26%
  - c) 36%
  - d) 6%
- 8) Where did Rameth Thomas grow up?
  - a) Canberra
  - b) in New South Wales
  - c) near Uluru
  - d) New York
- 9) What did Rameth Thomas say was on the rock?
  - a) sacred water
  - b) spirits
  - c) paintings
  - d) stories
- 10) What did a local resident say he wouldn't be allowed to climb?
  - a) the parliament house in Canberra
  - b) Ayers Rock
  - c) the Olgas
  - d) a ladder

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Uluru**

You think Uluru is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mount Fuji, the Pyramids or the Eiffel Tower.

## **Role B – Mount Fuji**

You think Mount Fuji is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Uluru, the Pyramids or the Eiffel Tower.

## **Role C – The Pyramids**

You think the Pyramids is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mount Fuji, Uluru or the Eiffel Tower.

## **Role D – The Eiffel Tower**

You think the Eiffel Tower is the best site in the world. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Mount Fuji, the Pyramids or Uluru.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

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

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| <b>sacred</b> | <b>site</b> |
|---------------|-------------|

- 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"><li>• now</li><li>• giant</li><li>• recognition</li><li>• historic</li><li>• flocked</li><li>• long</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• initially</li><li>• actually</li><li>• tiny</li><li>• sacred</li><li>• right</li><li>• let</li></ul> |
|---|--|

# ULURU SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Uluru 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# ULURU 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 'site'?
3. What do you know about Uluru?
4. Should Uluru be respected and not climbed?
5. What is the most important site in your country?
6. What do you think of sacred sites?
7. What makes something sacred?
8. Do you prefer the name Ayers Rock or Uluru?
9. What things are sacred in your culture?
10. Have you ever campaigned for something?

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# ULURU 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 'sacred'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should giant rocks belong to a community?
15. How important is it to protect indigenous culture?
16. Where is your most sacred place?
17. How can we understand more about the culture of places we visit?
18. What three words best describe this story?
19. What things have you climbed in your life?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Anangu people?

# 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

People are now banned from climbing one of the most (1) \_\_\_\_\_ sites in indigenous Australian culture. The world's largest (2) \_\_\_\_\_, the giant Uluru in the desert of Australia's Northern Territory, is now officially off-(3) \_\_\_\_\_ to tourists and climbers. It will be closed from October 25 in recognition of the site's cultural significance to the local Anangu (4) \_\_\_\_\_ owners. The giant site was once known as Ayers Rock, before it reverted to its historic name of Uluru. It has been a major attraction for decades. Tourists from around the world have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ there in droves to climb the rock. However, it is a sacred site in Anangu culture. The Anangu custodians of the rock have (6) \_\_\_\_\_ campaigned for the ban.

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

- |     |                |                 |                |                   |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) scarred    | (b) sacred      | (c) scored     | (d) scared        |
| 2.  | (a) mono       | (b) monolith    | (c) monopoly   | (d) monotony      |
| 3.  | (a) limit      | (b) limitation  | (c) limited    | (d) limits        |
| 4.  | (a) traditions | (b) traditional | (c) tradition  | (d) traditionally |
| 5.  | (a) herded     | (b) schooled    | (c) shepherded | (d) flocked       |
| 6.  | (a) short      | (b) wide        | (c) long       | (d) narrow        |
| 7.  | (a) initially  | (b) initials    | (c) initial    | (d) initialize    |
| 8.  | (a) compiled   | (b) compelled   | (c) complied   | (d) compliant     |
| 9.  | (a) ting       | (b) tinge       | (c) tint       | (d) tiny          |
| 10. | (a) stories    | (b) stores      | (c) stares     | (d) steers        |
| 11. | (a) respect    | (b) reserve     | (c) resolve    | (d) result        |
| 12. | (a) let        | (b) put         | (c) run        | (d) climb         |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. in osnngiudi Australian culture
2. now flciyolafi off-limits
3. the site's cultural sagcfcini
4. it rvteered to its historic name
5. sstaiundc of the rock
6. anamidecgp for the ban

## Paragraph 2

7. The ban was ilailytni announced in 2017
8. most visitors eopcmild with it
9. tourist ssiotcaanio
10. grew up in a tiny ciotmunmy
11. another serndtie
12. amenrlpita house

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) climb the rock." He added: "All of our stories are on the rock. People right around
- ( ) around the world have flocked there in droves to climb the rock. However, it is a sacred
- ( ) the world come just to climb it. They've got no respect." Another resident said: "If I
- ( ) significance to the local Anangu traditional owners. The giant site was once known as Ayers Rock, before it reverted
- ( **1** ) People are now banned from climbing one of the most sacred sites in indigenous Australian
- ( ) officially off-limits to tourists and climbers. It will be closed from October 25 in recognition of the site's cultural
- ( ) site in Anangu culture. The Anangu custodians of the rock have long campaigned for the ban.
- ( ) tried to climb on top of that parliament house at Canberra, they wouldn't let me in."
- ( ) sacred place. That's like our church. I've been telling them since I was a little boy: 'We don't want you to
- ( ) association said that only 16 per cent of visitors have actually climbed the rock since 2017. Local Anangu man Rameth Thomas, who grew
- ( ) culture. The world's largest monolith, the giant Uluru in the desert of Australia's Northern Territory, is now
- ( ) to its historic name of Uluru. It has been a major attraction for decades. Tourists from
- ( ) The ban was initially announced in 2017 and most visitors complied with it. Australia's tourist
- ( ) up in a tiny community near Uluru, explained to the BBC how important the rock is to his people. He said: "That place is a very

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

1. sites . sacred Climbing the one of most
2. site's recognition the cultural of significance . In
3. for been major has a It attraction decades .
4. flocked from the there . have world Tourists around
5. have for campaigned the Custodians ban . long
6. since the climbed have 2017 . actually Visitors rock
7. up Uluru . in community near a Grew tiny
8. since boy . was little I Telling a them
9. rock . of stories are our the on All
10. parliament top house . of on that Climb

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

People are now *banned* / *binned* from climbing one of the most sacred sites in indigenous Australian *cultural* / *culture*. The world's largest *goliath* / *monolith*, the giant Uluru in the *desert* / *dessert* of Australia's Northern Territory, is now officially off-limits to tourists and climbers. It will be closed from October 25 in *recognition* / *recognize* of the site's cultural significance to the local Anangu traditional *owns* / *owners*. The giant site was once known as Ayers Rock, before it *retorted* / *reverted* to its historic name of Uluru. It has been a major attraction for *decadence* / *decades*. Tourists from around the world have flocked there in *droves* / *drives* to climb the rock. However, it is a sacred site in Anangu culture. The Anangu custodians of the rock have *wide* / *long* campaigned for the ban.

The ban was *initially* / *initial* announced in 2017 and most visitors *compiled* / *complied* with it. Australia's tourist *associate* / *association* said that only 16 per cent of visitors have actually *clambered* / *climbed* the rock since 2017. Local Anangu man Rameth Thomas, who grew up in a *tinny* / *tiny* community near Uluru, explained to the BBC how *important* / *importance* the rock is to his people. He said: "That place is a very sacred place. That's like our church. I've been *speaking* / *telling* them since I was a little boy: 'We don't want you to climb the rock.'" He added: "All of our *stories* / *stores* are on the rock. People right around the world come just to climb it. They've got no *respective* / *respect*." Another resident said: "If I tried to climb on top of that parliament house at Canberra, they wouldn't *reach* / *let* me in."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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people are now banned from climbing one of the most sacred sites in indigenous australian culture the worlds largest monolith the giant uluru in the desert of australias northern territory is now officially offlimits to tourists and climbers it will be closed from october 25 in recognition of the sites cultural significance to the local anangu traditional owners the giant site was once known as ayers rock before it reverted to its historic name of uluru it has been a major attraction for decades tourists from around the world have flocked there in droves to climb the rock however it is a sacred site in anangu culture the anangu custodians of the rock have long campaigned for the ban

the ban was initially announced in 2017 and most visitors complied with it australias tourist association said that only 16 per cent of visitors have actually climbed the rock since 2017 local anangu man rameth thomas who grew up in a tiny community near uluru explained to the bbc how important the rock is to his people he said that place is a very sacred place thats like our church ive been telling them since i was a little boy we dont want you to climb the rock he added all of our stories are on the rock people right around the world come just to climb it theyve got no respect another resident said if i tried to climb on top of that parliament house at canberra they wouldnt let me in"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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People are now banned from climbing one of the most sacred sites in indigenous Australian culture. The world's largest monolith, the giant Uluru in the desert of Australia's Northern Territory, is now officially off-limits to tourists and climbers. It will be closed from October 25 in recognition of the site's cultural significance to the local Anangu traditional owners. The giant site was once known as Ayers Rock, before it reverted to its historic name of Uluru. It has been a major attraction for decades. Tourists from around the world have flocked there in droves to climb the rock. However, it is a sacred site in Anangu culture. The Anangu custodians of the rock have long campaigned for the ban. The ban was initially announced in 2017 and most visitors complied with it. Australia's tourist associations said that only 16 percent of visitors have actually climbed the rocks since 2017. Local Anangu man Rameth Thomas, who grew up in a tiny community near Uluru, explained to the BBC how important the rock is to his people. He said: "That place is a very sacred place. That's like our church. I've been telling them since I was a little boy: 'We don't want you to climb the rock.'" He added: "All of our stories are on the rock. People right around the world come just to climb it. They've got no respect." Another resident said: "If I tried to climb onto the top of that parliament house at Canberra, they wouldn't let me in."





# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191026-uluru.html>

All tourism should be reduced to limit the impact on local cultures. Discuss.

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

**4. TOURISM:** Write a magazine article about reducing tourism to protect cultures. 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 Uluru. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on the climbing ban. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. f    3. c    4. a    5. g    6. d    7. e  
8. m    9. n    10. k    11. h    12. l    13. j    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. banned        | a. prohibited    |
| 2. sacred        | b. hallowed      |
| 3. off limits    | c. out of bounds |
| 4. reverted      | d. returned      |
| 5. campaigned    | e. fought        |
| 6. initially     | f. first         |
| 7. complied with | g. followed      |
| 8. community     | h. neighborhood  |
| 9. climb         | i. scale         |
| 10. resident     | j. citizen       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Uluru
2. The traditional owners of Uluru
3. Ayers Rock
4. Tourists
5. A climbing ban
6. 2017
7. Sixteen per cent
8. In a tiny community near Uluru
9. All of his people's stories
10. The parliament house in Canberra

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Climbing one of the most sacred sites.
2. In recognition of the site's cultural significance.
3. It has been a major attraction for decades.
4. Tourists from around the world have flocked there.
5. Custodians have long campaigned for the ban.
6. Visitors have actually climbed the rock since 2017.
7. Grew up in a tiny community near Uluru.
8. Telling them since I was a little boy.
9. All of our stories are on the rock.
10. Climb on top of that parliament house.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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