

For Teachers: Please have the students read the sentences one at a time and correct their pronunciation of each sentence then have them repeat after you. Wait until after they read the sentence (use the number in place of the missing word) to have the students choose the correct answer to fill in the blank. When the students finish the article, move on to the further questions.

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2[B] – The Big Burn



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- During the summer of 1910, weather conditions in the northwestern United States (**29**) an unprecedented event. A drought had left vast amounts of dry wood and vegetation in the region's forests.
前代未聞 (ぜんだいみもん) の 干 (かん) ばつ 膨大 (ぼうだい) な 草木 (くさき)
- This provided the fuel for numerous small fires ignited both by lightning and stray embers from passing trains.
燃料 (ねんりょう) 多 (おお) く の 着火 (ちゃっか) した 稲光 (いなびかり) 逸 (そ) れた 燃 (も) えさし
- Strong winds caused these fires to combine into one huge blaze that spread at terrific speed.
火災 (かさい) 猛烈 (もうれつ) な
- The blaze, which became known as the "Big Burn" devastated over 12,000 square kilometers.
ひどく破壊 (はかい) した
- *Choose the correct answer to fill in the blank from these choices.
- (29) 1 alerted the government to 2 set the stage for
警告 (けいこく) した ~の準備 (じゅんび) をした、お膳立 (ぜんだ) てをした
原因 (げんいん) とされた 改善 (かいぜん) された
- 3 were attributed to 4 improved because of

Further Questions&A

*Ask student to answer the question on their own at first. If the student can't answer correctly, have him look at the last page and read the "example answer" for the question. Have the student try to memorize the answer, if it's too long or difficult, you should divide the sentence into 2 or 3 parts to make it easier to remember. Once they have memorized the answer, the teacher should ask the question one last time so that the student can practice answering. Also if you find any mistakes, please mark the page and let me know ASAP.

- 1) Why were there vast amounts of dry wood and vegetation in the region's forests?
その地域の森に膨大な量の乾燥した木材や草木があったのはなぜですか。
A drought had left vast amounts of dry wood and vegetation in the region's forests.
- 2) What happened because of the strong winds?
強い風により、何が起こりましたか。
Strong winds caused the small fires to combine into one huge blaze that spread at terrific speed.
- 3) How large of an area was devastated by the "Big Burn"?
"Big Burn"によって大きく破壊されたのはどれくらいの広さでしたか。
The blaze devastated over 12,000 square kilometers.
- The U.S. Forest Service was just five years old in 1910, and Gifford Pinchot, its first chief, firmly believed in the preservation of the forest for future generations.
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- In the years before the Big Burn, Pinchot had tried to convince Congress that the government needed to purchase more forests and
アメリカ連邦議会 (れんぽうぎかい)

振（ふ）り当（あ）てる

allocate more funds to the Forest Service so it could manage and protect this land.

16. His efforts (30) powerful commercial interests.

尽（つ）きることのない

17. Many big businesses treated America's forests as an inexhaustible resource that was theirs for the taking, and they lobbied hard against conservation.

反対運動（はんたいうんどう）をした

保護（ほご）

人員（じんいん）

財源（ざいげん）

18. As a result, the Forest Service lacked the manpower and resources to effectively combat the Big Burn, but the devastation finally convinced Congress of the importance of supporting the agency.

効果的（こうかてき）に 戦（たたか）う

壊滅状態（かいめつじょうたい）

与（あた）えられた

獲得（かくとく）する

19. It was granted more funding and succeeded in acquiring millions of acres of wilderness.

原野（げんや）

20. *Choose the correct answer to fill in the blank from these choices.

強化（きょうか）した 公的支援（こうてきしえん）

～に同意（どうい）した

21. (30) 1 boosted public support for 2 echoed the opinion of

悩（なや）まされた

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Further Questions&A



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23. 4) Who was Gifford Pinchot? ギフォード・ピンショーとは誰ですか。

Gifford Pinchot was the first chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

24. 5) Why did the Forest Service lack manpower and resources?

25. アメリカ森林局が、人員と財源に欠けたのはなぜですか。

Many big businesses lobbied hard against conservation.

26. 6) What convinced Congress of the importance of supporting the agency?

27. 森林局を支援することの重要性をアメリカ連邦議会に納得させたのは何ですか。

The devastation finally convinced Congress of the importance of supporting the agency.

当然（とうぜん）ながら

これ以降（いこう）

28. Understandably, the Forest Service henceforth took its mission to be the rapid suppression of all fires, both natural and man-made, in the areas it managed.

抑制（よくせい）

人為（じんい）の

厳格（げんかく）な 実行（じっこう）

29. Strict implementation of this policy, however, meant that dead wood accumulated on many forest floors.

たまった

30. Over the years, this became a huge source of fuel just waiting to ignite, and some of the worst forest fires on record occurred throughout the United States between 2000 and 2008.

記録（きろく）にある

～のいたるところで

破壊（はかい）された

免（まぬが）れた

31. Areas ravaged by the Big Burn in 1910, however, were spared, as there had been less buildup of dead wood.

蓄積（ちくせき）

32. (31), the Forest Service now allows many forest fires to burn, albeit in a controlled manner.

～ではあるが

うまくいけば

確実（かくじつ）なものにする

長期（ちやうき）の 生（い）き残（のこ）り

33. With luck, this will ensure the long-term survival of the nation's forests.

34. *Choose the correct answer to fill in the blank from these choices.

証拠（しょうこ） 手元（てもと）の

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～に従（したが）って

36. 3 In keeping with the original policy 4 As a move against big business

Further Questions&A



37. 7) What policy did the Forest Service implement?

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