

The great maple syrup heist

Have you ever tasted maple syrup? (Yes, I have...)

Vocabulary

1. discovered 2. inspector 3. reserve 4. arrested 5. jailed 6. thieves

True Story

In 2011 and 2012, _____ in Quebec stole 2,700 tonnes of maple syrup from a special _____. The stolen syrup was worth nearly \$18 million. The crime was _____ when an _____ found empty barrels and others filled with water. Police said it was an inside job.

The group moved the syrup to New Brunswick, then sold it in Canada and the U.S. Four men were _____, and the leader was _____ for almost 8 years. Only some of the syrup was found. This huge crime became known as the Great Maple Syrup Heist and was shown in a Netflix documentary called "Dirty Money."

Quiz

1. How much maple syrup did the thieves steal?
2. Where did the inspector find empty barrels?
3. How many men were arrested?

True or False

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| 1. The thieves replaced the syrup with water to trick inspectors. | True False |
| 2. The stolen syrup was sold in Canada and the U.A.E. | True False |
| 3. Security cameras helped police catch the thieves. | True False |

Conversation

- A: Did you hear about the maple syrup heist?
B: Yeah, it's hard to believe! How did no one notice?
A: The place had no cameras.
B: Seriously? For something worth millions?
A: I know! They even put water in the empty barrels.
B: That's smart... but also really sneaky.

Discussion

1. Have you ever tried to make pancakes?
2. Do you like putting syrup on your food?
3. What would you do if you found a barrel of syrup?
4. Would you like to watch "Dirty Money"?
5. Have you ever watched a true crime documentary?