



## “German Village Resists Plans to Strip It Away for the Coal Underneath”

**Link to text below**

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### **Vocabulary**

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*Match the vocabulary on the left with their meanings on the right.*

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| grove       | To completely destroy something                 |
| raze        | To come out from behind something               |
| emerge      | A strong wish to achieve something              |
| ambition    | A group of trees planted closely together       |
| eventually  | Not long ago                                    |
| craving     | In the end, after a long time and / or effort   |
| contemplate | Think about something seriously for a long time |
| recently    | A strong feeling of wanting something           |

### **Questions**

*True or False; read the following statements and, based on the text decide if they are true or false.*

1. Mr. Schulz had to sell his farm, which his family owned for a very long time, and his new apple trees to the coal mining company.
2. Atterwasch has just under 250 inhabitants.
3. The amount of coal that Germany burns has increased in the last two years.
4. The problem with coal is that sometimes the wind does not blow and the sky fills with clouds from the coal mine.
5. Mr. Schulz thinks that they will be the last village to move because of coal mining.
6. A landscaper will soon be part of the Ulrich family.
7. In the past 90 years, more than 130 villages have disappeared because of the Jänschwalde mine



*Which paragraph best matches each of the following sentences?*

Burn more coal before you burn less

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A small sign instead of a crucifix.

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A rebel with a cause

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A bold promise

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