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\$33 million Fabergé egg found at market

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THE ARTICLE

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An extremely rare antique, decorative egg designed by the legendary Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé has been unearthed at a second-hand goods market in the USA. A scrap dealer bought the golden egg at a bric-a-brac stall for \$13,000. The unnamed trader intended to sell the egg for the scrap metal value of the gold. Fortunately for the antiques world, no one could match his asking price so the egg was not scrapped. The egg had a small watch inside it. One evening the dealer typed the name of the watch's manufacturer and the word "egg" into Google. It was then he discovered he was in possession of a priceless gem. The London-based Fabergé experts Wartski valued the egg at \$33 million.

The egg was made by Fabergé for Russian Tsar Alexander III in 1887. It was last seen in public in March 1902 at an exhibition in St Petersburg. Its whereabouts since has been the cause of considerable speculation. Kieran McCarthy, director of Wartski, told reporters: "It's the most incredible discovery. We have so many discoveries but none of them are as momentous as this." He added: "For the Fabergé community...it is a wondrous event because the Easter egg is the ultimate target for every antique dealer and every enthusiast." Unfortunately, the egg might once again vanish from public view. Mr McCarthy said: "It may disappear into the deepest, darkest vaults of a collector somewhere."

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WARM-UPS

1. ANTIQUES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about antiques. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

extremely rare / antique / egg / market / scrapped / dealer / manufacturer / priceless / in public / whereabouts / speculation / incredible discovery / enthusiast / vaults

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

3. COLLECT: What are the pros and cons of collecting these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Fabergé eggs		
Rare stamps		
Classic cars		
Hollywood costumes		
Visa stamps		
Rock memorabilia		

4. \$33 MILLION: Students A **strongly** believe it's crazy to pay \$33 million for an antique ; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. RARE: Rank these with your partner. Put the things you would most like to have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- vintage wine
- 18th-century jewellery
- Ming dynasty china
- all the Beatles autographs
- the first ever English textbook
- the torch from the first Olympics
- a 1,000-year-old poem
- Henry VIII's wedding ring(s)

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. A rare egg-shaped jewel was found that was designed by Coco Chanel. | T / F |
| b. A dealer bought the egg for \$13,000. | T / F |
| c. The dealer could not sell the egg for the price he wanted. | T / F |
| d. He found out the egg was priceless after searching Google. | T / F |
| e. The egg was made for a British queen in the 19 th century. | T / F |
| f. An expert said the egg is the king of thing antique dealers most want. | T / F |
| g. The egg will be on permanent display at a museum in Moscow. | T / F |
| h. An expert said the new owner will not keep the egg locked up. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. extremely | a. expensive |
| 2. unearthed | b. maker |
| 3. unnamed | c. significant |
| 4. manufacturer | d. discovered |
| 5. priceless | e. display |
| 6. exhibition | f. greatest |
| 7. whereabouts | g. exceptionally |
| 8. momentous | h. cellar |
| 9. ultimate | i. location |
| 10. vaults | j. anonymous |

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. designed by the | a. speculation |
| 2. sell the egg for the scrap | b. of a priceless gem |
| 3. no one could match | c. for every antique dealer |
| 4. he discovered he was in possession | d. public in March 1902 |
| 5. London-based Fabergé experts Wartski | e. his asking price |
| 6. It was last seen in | f. momentous as this |
| 7. the cause of considerable | g. legendary Russian jeweller |
| 8. none of them are as | h. vaults |
| 9. the ultimate target | i. valued the egg |
| 10. disappear into the deepest, darkest | j. metal value of the gold |

GAP FILL

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An (1) _____ rare antique, decorative egg designed by the legendary Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé has been (2) _____ at a second-hand goods market in the USA. A scrap dealer bought the golden egg at a bric-a-brac stall for \$13,000. The (3) _____ trader intended to sell the egg for the scrap metal value of the gold. Fortunately for the (4) _____ world, no one could match his (5) _____ price so the egg was not scrapped. The egg had a small watch inside it. One evening the dealer (6) _____ the name of the watch's manufacturer and the word "egg" into Google. It was then he discovered he was in (7) _____ of a (8) _____ gem. The London-based Fabergé experts Wartski valued the egg at \$33 million.

possession
antiques
unearthed
priceless
extremely
typed
unnamed
asking

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momentous
vaults
speculation
enthusiast
discovery
view
public
ultimate

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An extremely rare antique, _____
 - a. decorating egg
 - b. decorative egg
 - c. decorated egg
 - d. decoration egg
- 2) designed by the legendary _____
 - a. Russian jewellery
 - b. Russian jewellers
 - c. Russian jeweller
 - d. Russian jewel are
- 3) Fortunately for the antiques world, no one could match _____
 - a. his basking price
 - b. his tasking price
 - c. his cask in price
 - d. his asking price
- 4) the egg was _____
 - a. not scraped
 - b. not scrapped
 - c. not scrambled
 - d. not fried
- 5) It was then he discovered he was in possession _____
 - a. of a priceless gem
 - b. of a priceless germ
 - c. of a priceless gent
 - d. of a priceless jam
- 6) It was last seen in public in March 1902 _____
 - a. at an exhibit
 - b. at an exhibition
 - c. at an exhibiting
 - d. at an exhibitioner
- 7) Its whereabouts since has been the cause of _____
 - a. considerably speculation
 - b. consider a ball speculation
 - c. considerable speculation
 - d. consider able speculation
- 8) It's the most _____
 - a. incredible discovery
 - b. incredible discovered
 - c. incredible discover me
 - d. incredible discovering
- 9) We have so many discoveries but none of them _____
 - a. are so momentous
 - b. areas momentous
 - c. are as momentous
 - d. are as momentum
- 10) the ultimate target for every antique dealer _____
 - a. and every enthusiastic
 - b. and every enthusiast
 - c. and every enthusiasts
 - d. and every enthusiasm

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140322-faberge-egg.html>

1. Who designed the egg that was recently discovered?

2. How much did the scrap dealer pay for the egg at the market?

3. What was inside the egg?

4. How did the scrap dealer find out it was a priceless antique?

5. Who said the egg was worth \$33 million?

6. When was the egg made?

7. When and where was it last seen in public?

8. What word did Kieran McCarthy use to describe the event?

9. For whom is the egg the ultimate target?

10. Where might the egg end up?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140322-faberge-egg.html>

1. Who designed the egg that was recently discovered?
 - a) Daniel Swarovski
 - b) Peter Carl Fabergé
 - c) Marc Chagall
 - d) Coco Chanel
2. How much did the scrap dealer pay for the egg at the market?
 - a) \$22,000
 - b) \$18,000
 - c) \$15,000
 - d) \$13,000
3. What was inside the egg?
 - a) blue diamonds
 - b) yolk
 - c) a watch
 - d) chocolates
4. How did the scrap dealer find out it was a priceless antique?
 - a) he Googled it
 - b) he saw it on TV
 - c) he got an anonymous e-mail
 - d) from a local jewellery shop
5. Who said the egg was worth \$33 million?
 - a) his local jewellery shop
 - b) a London-based expert
 - c) e-Bay
 - d) Google
6. When was the egg made?
 - a) 1887
 - b) 1888
 - c) 1889
 - d) 1886
7. When and where was it last seen in public?
 - a) 1902 in Moscow
 - b) 1903 in St Petersburg
 - c) 1902 in St Petersburg
 - d) 1903 in Moscow
8. What word did Kieran McCarthy use to describe the event?
 - a) wondrous
 - b) diamond
 - c) egg
 - d) sparkling
9. For whom is the egg the ultimate target?
 - a) cat burglars
 - b) a Russian businessman
 - c) Oprah Winfrey
 - d) antique dealers
10. Where might the egg end up?
 - a) in a frying pan
 - b) the Harrods store in London
 - c) in a vault
 - d) in Russia's Hermitage Museum

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Vintage wine

You think vintage wine would be the most valuable to thing to own in 500 years from now. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they're things won't be so valuable. Also, tell the others which will be the least valuable of these (and why): Ming dynasty china, the Beatles autographs or the first Olympics torch.

Role B – Ming dynasty china

You think Ming dynasty china would be the most valuable to thing to own in 500 years from now. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they're things won't be so valuable. Also, tell the others which will be the least valuable of these (and why): vintage wine, the Beatles autographs or the first Olympics torch.

Role C – the Beatles autographs

You think the Beatles autographs would be the most valuable to thing to own in 500 years from now. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they're things won't be so valuable. Also, tell the others which will be the least valuable of these (and why): Ming dynasty china, vintage wine or the first Olympics torch.

Role D – The first Olympics torch

You think the first Olympics torch would be the most valuable to thing to own in 500 years from now. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why they're things won't be so valuable. Also, tell the others which will be the least valuable of these (and why): Ming dynasty china, the Beatles autographs or vintage wine.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140322-faberge-egg.html>

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

rare	antique
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- 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">• extremely• second• sell• watch• gem• based	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1887• 1902• most• event• once• darkest
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ANTIQUES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about antiques 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 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
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.

ANTIQUES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'antique'?
- c) What do you know about Fabergé eggs?
- d) Do you think any antique is worth \$33 million?
- e) How interested are you in jewellery?
- f) How can something that is "priceless" be valued at \$33 million?
- g) Do you like antiques?
- h) How will the scrap dealer's life change?
- i) How do you become an expert in valuing priceless objects?
- j) Have you ever been very surprised after a Google search?

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ANTIQUES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Where would you put the egg if you owned it (and why)?
- c) Is priceless jewellery always extremely beautiful?
- d) What would life as an antique dealer be like?
- e) What jewellery would you really like to have?
- f) Should the egg go to a museum for the public to see it?
- g) How sad would it be if the egg ended up in a vault?
- h) What kind of antique objects interest you most?
- i) What things that are made today will become antiques?
- j) What questions would you like to ask a Fabergé expert?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) extremes | (b) extreme | (c) extremely | (d) extremity |
| 2. | (a) unearthed | (b) delineated | (c) precluded | (d) inhibited |
| 3. | (a) unnamed | (b) anon | (c) unmanned | (d) eponymous |
| 4. | (a) match | (b) fix | (c) suit | (d) warrant |
| 5. | (a) scrambled | (b) scrapped | (c) scraped | (d) scooped |
| 6. | (a) person | (b) having | (c) owning | (d) possession |
| 7. | (a) publicity | (b) publically | (c) public | (d) publicly |
| 8. | (a) considerate | (b) considered | (c) considering | (d) considerable |
| 9. | (a) momentous | (b) momentum | (c) monument | (d) memento |
| 10. | (a) aviator | (b) enthusiast | (c) philanthropist | (d) layman |
| 11. | (a) vanquish | (b) vanish | (c) voracious | (d) varnish |
| 12. | (a) faults | (b) vats | (c) vaults | (d) flats |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. An extremely rare aiqetun, decorative egg
2. designed by the radnyeelg Russian jeweller
3. rehtdneau at a second-hand goods market
4. the egg was not spdrcae
5. the name of the watch's aefrcuunrtam
6. he was in oposssien of a priceless gem

Paragraph 2

7. at an iinbiexoht in St Petersburg
8. the cause of considerable ncalueotspi
9. It's the most incredible rcedoviys
10. none of them are as momountse as this
11. every antique dealer and every tsanihsute
12. ihnsva from public view

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () in public in March 1902 at an exhibition in St Petersburg. Its whereabouts since has been the cause of considerable
- () discovery. We have so many discoveries but none of them are as momentous as this." He added: "For the Fabergé community...it is a wondrous
- () manufacturer and the word "egg" into Google. It was then he discovered he was in possession of a priceless
- () event because the Easter egg is the ultimate target for every antique dealer and every
- (**1**) An extremely rare antique, decorative egg designed by the legendary Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé has been
- () gem. The London-based Fabergé experts Wartski valued the egg at \$33 million.
- () The egg was made by Fabergé for Russian Tsar Alexander III in 1887. It was last seen
- () speculation. Kieran McCarthy, director of Wartski, told reporters: "It's the most incredible
- () disappear into the deepest, darkest vaults of a collector somewhere."
- () enthusiast." Unfortunately, the egg might once again vanish from public view. Mr McCarthy said: "It may
- () bric-a-brac stall for \$13,000. The unnamed trader intended to sell the egg for the scrap metal
- () value of the gold. Fortunately for the antiques world, no one could match his asking price so the egg was not
- () unearthed at a second-hand goods market in the USA. A scrap dealer bought the golden egg at a
- () scrapped. The egg had a small watch inside it. One evening the dealer typed the name of the watch's

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. in market goods hand - second a at Unearthed USA the.

2. Sell gold the of value metal scrap the for egg the.

3. No price asking his match could one.

4. discovered he was in possession of a priceless gem He.

5. Wartski egg - experts the London Fabergé valued based.

6. It seen in last public 1902 was in March.

7. cause speculation has the considerable It been of since.

8. dealer antique every for target ultimate The.

9. from might vanish view egg again public The once.

10. darkest It into , disappear deepest vaults may the.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140322-faberge-egg.html>

An extremely *rare / rarity* antique, decorative egg designed by the legendary Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé has been *earthed / unearthed* at a second-hand goods market in the USA. A *scrappy / scrap* dealer bought the golden egg at a bric-a-brac *stall / still* for \$13,000. The *unnamed / unmanned* trader intended to sell the egg for the scrap metal value of the gold. Fortunately for the *antiques / antiquated* world, no one could *patch / match* his asking price so the egg was not scrapped. The egg had a small watch inside it. One evening the dealer typed the name of the watch's *manufacturer / manufacturing* and the word "egg" into Google. It was then he discovered he was in *possession / possessive* of a priceless gem. The London-based Fabergé *expertise / experts* Wartski valued the egg at \$33 million.

The egg was *made / laid* by Fabergé for Russian Tsar Alexander III in 1887. It was last seen in *public / publicity* in March 1902 at an exhibition in St Petersburg. Its *wherewithal / whereabouts* since has been the cause of considerable *speculative / speculation*. Kieran McCarthy, director of Wartski, told reporters: "It's the most *incredulous / incredible* discovery. We have so many discoveries but none of them are as *momentous / moments* as this." He added: "For the Fabergé community...it is a wondrous event because the Easter egg is the *ultimate / ultimatum* target for every antique dealer and every *enthusiast / enthusiastic*." Unfortunately, the egg might once again vanish from public *viewpoint / view*. Mr McCarthy said: "It may disappear into the deepest, darkest *vaults / faults* of a collector somewhere."

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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An extremely rare antique, designed by the legendary Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé has been unearthed to send home the US. The script dealer bought the golden egg at a brick-to-brick stall for \$13,000. The unnamed trader wanted to sell the egg for the script material value of the gold. Fortunately for the antique world, the necklace could match his skimming price as the egg was not scrapped. The egg had small watch hands on it. Inevitably the dealer typed the name of the watch's manufacturer and the word "egg" into Google. It was then he discovered he was in possession of a priceless gem. The London-based Fabergé experts Writskivild the egg at \$33 million.

The egg was made by Fabergé for Tsar Alexander in 1887. It was listed in a public auction March 1902 to the exhibit in St Petersburg. Its whereabouts since has been the cause of considerable speculation. Karen McCarthy, director of Writskivild, told reporters: "It's the most incredible discovery. We have so many discoveries but none of them are so momentous as this." He added: "For the Fabergé community... it's a wonderful event because the Easter egg is the ultimate target for very antique dealer and very enthusiasts." Unfortunately, the egg might not gain value from public view. Mr McCarthy said: "It may disappear into the dust, dark street lights for collectors' museum."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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an extremely rare antique decorative egg designed by the legendary russian jeweller peter carl fabergé has been unearthed at a second-hand goods market in the usa a scrap dealer bought the golden egg at a bric-a-brac stall for \$13000 the unnamed trader intended to sell the egg for the scrap metal value of the gold fortunately for the antiques world no one could match his asking price so the egg was not scrapped the egg had a small watch inside it one evening the dealer typed the name of the watch's manufacturer and the word "egg" into google it was then he discovered he was in possession of a priceless gem the london-based fabergé experts watski valued the egg at \$33 million

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140322-faberge-egg.html>

An extremely rare antique, decorative egg designed by the legendary Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé has been unearthed at a second-hand goods market in the USA. A scrap dealer bought the golden egg at a bric-a-brac stall for \$13,000. The unnamed trader intended to sell the egg for the scrap metal value of the gold. Fortunately for the antiques world, no one could match his asking price so the egg was not scrapped. The egg had a small watch inside it. One evening the dealer typed the name of the watch's manufacturer and the word "egg" into Google. It was then he discovered he was in possession of a priceless gem. The London-based Fabergé experts Watski valued the egg at \$33 million. The egg was made by Fabergé for Russian Tsar Alexander III in 1887. It was last seen in public in March 1902 at an exhibition in St Petersburg. It is where abouts since has been the cause of considerable speculation. Kieran McCarthy, director of Watski, told reporters: "It's the most incredible discovery. We have so many discoveries but none of them are as momentous as this." He added: "For the Fabergé community... it is a wondrous event because the Easter egg is the ultimate target for every antique dealer and every enthusiast." Unfortunately, the egg might once again vanish from public view. Mr McCarthy said: "It may disappear into the deepest, darkest vaults of a collector somewhere."

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 Fabergé eggs. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ANTIQUES: Make a poster about antiques. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FABERGÉ: Write a magazine article about Fabergé. Include imaginary interviews with people who think \$33 million is a good price for the egg, and with people who don't think so.

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 a Fabergé expert. Ask him/her three questions about Fabergé eggs. Give him/her three of your ideas on what should happen to the newly found egg. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. extremely | a. expensive |
| 2. unearthed | b. maker |
| 3. unnamed | c. significant |
| 4. manufacturer | d. discovered |
| 5. priceless | e. display |
| 6. exhibition | f. greatest |
| 7. whereabouts | g. exceptionally |
| 8. momentous | h. cellar |
| 9. ultimate | i. location |
| 10. vaults | j. anonymous |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Peter Carl Fabergé
2. \$13,000
3. A watch
4. He did a Google search
5. The London-based Fabergé experts Wartski
6. 1887
7. 1902 in St Petersburg
8. Wondrous
9. Antique dealers and enthusiasts
10. In a collector's vault

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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