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Level 5 – 30th October, 2019

Kurt Cobain cardigan auctions for \$334,000

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A cardigan worn by the singer Kurt Cobain on MTV broke the record for the most expensive cardigan ever sold at auction. An anonymous buyer paid an astonishing \$334,000 for the item of clothing. It was in a two-day sale of rock memorabilia in New York. It attracted attention pre-auction after it was described as being "one of the most famous sweaters in music history". Mr Cobain wore the olive green and mohair cardigan while performing live on an MTV show in 1993 with his band Nirvana. He played a largely acoustic set of his favorite songs and some cover songs.

The Manhattan cardigan has reportedly not been washed since the MTV show. It has a hole in it from a cigarette burn. A buyer bought it in 2015 and he also wished to remain anonymous but has since spoken about his purchase. He described the responsibility he felt in owning such a famous piece of rock and roll history. He told reporters: "It was kind of like when my children were born years ago - I was so happy to see them, but then I was like, 'Oh no.'" For those who cannot afford to go to auctions, Mr Cobain's daughter has started a fashion collection called Kurt Was Here.

Sources: <https://www.itv.com/news/2019-10-27/kurt-cobain-s-mtv-unplugged-cardigan-sold-at-auction-for-a-record-260-000/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. broke the | a. in music history |
| 2. An anonymous buyer paid an | b. set |
| 3. a two-day sale of rock | c. astonishing \$334,000 |
| 4. It attracted | d. memorabilia |
| 5. one of the most famous sweaters | e. songs |
| 6. while performing live on | f. attention |
| 7. a largely acoustic | g. record |
| 8. some cover | h. an MTV show |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. not been washed | a. go to auctions |
| 2. a hole in it from a cigarette | b. felt |
| 3. wished to remain | c. burn |
| 4. He described the responsibility he | d. a fashion collection |
| 5. a famous piece of | e. anonymous |
| 6. I was so happy | f. since the MTV show |
| 7. those who cannot afford to | g. to see them |
| 8. Cobain's daughter has started | h. rock and roll history |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A cardigan worn by the singer Kurt Cobain on MTV
(1) _____ for the most expensive cardigan ever
(2) _____. An anonymous buyer paid an astonishing
\$334,000 for the item of clothing. It was in a two-day
(3) _____ memorabilia in New York. It attracted attention
pre-auction after it was described as being "one of the
(4) _____ in music history". Mr Cobain wore the olive green
and mohair cardigan (5) _____ on an MTV show in 1993
with his band Nirvana. He played a largely acoustic set of his favorite songs
and (6) _____.

The Manhattan cardigan (7) _____ been washed since the
MTV show. It has a hole in it from (8) _____. A buyer
bought it in 2015 and he also wished (9) _____ but has
since spoken about his purchase. He described the responsibility he felt in
owning such a famous (10) _____ and roll history. He told
reporters: "It was kind of like when my children were born years ago - I was
so happy to see them, but then I was like, 'Oh no.'" For those
(11) _____ to go to auctions, Mr Cobain's daughter has
started a (12) _____ Kurt Was Here.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CARDIGANS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cardigans 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

