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**Level 1** – 13th April 2023

## Car license plate sells for record \$15 million

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230413-car-license-plate-1.html>

We rarely notice car license plates. Maybe we should because some are valuable. A license plate just sold for \$15 million in Dubai. It had the letter and number P7 on it. It is the world's most expensive plate. The previous record was also set in Dubai. In 2008, someone paid \$14.3 million for the number "one" plate. No one knows who broke the new record. It will be difficult for the person's identity to stay a secret. Dubai's drivers will be looking for the P7 plate.

The money from the sale will help poor people. It will go to the One Billion Meals charity. This was started by Dubai's ruler. It helps to feed hungry people worldwide. The auction house said it was happy with the sale. It said: "We are proud to announce that the...charity auction...has set a new world record. We are thrilled that the [money] will go...towards supporting the...campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustainable food aid fund."

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/most-expensive-license-plate-in-the-world-sold-at-auction-for-15-million-dubai/>  
<https://www.thedrive.com/news/worlds-most-expensive-license-plate-brings-15m-at-dubai-auction>  
<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/license-plate-just-sold-world-170000871.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230413-car-license-plate-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. We rarely                           | a. the P7 plate     |
| 2. Maybe we                            | b. valuable         |
| 3. some are                            | c. number P7 on it  |
| 4. A license plate just sold           | d. expensive plate  |
| 5. It had the letter and               | e. notice           |
| 6. It is the world's most              | f. to stay a secret |
| 7. difficult for the person's identity | g. should           |
| 8. drivers will be looking for         | h. for \$15 million |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The money from                   | a. the campaign     |
| 2. help poor                        | b. food aid         |
| 3. This was started                 | c. auction          |
| 4. It helps to feed                 | d. people           |
| 5. charity                          | e. hungry people    |
| 6. We are                           | f. the sale         |
| 7. money will go towards supporting | g. by Dubai's ruler |
| 8. sustainable                      | h. thrilled         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ car license plates. Maybe we should because (2) \_\_\_\_\_. A license plate just sold for \$15 million in Dubai. It had (3) \_\_\_\_\_ number P7 on it. It is the world's most expensive plate. The previous record was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Dubai. In 2008, someone paid \$14.3 million (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "one" plate. No one knows who broke the new record. It will be difficult for the person's identity to (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Dubai's drivers will be looking for the P7 plate.

The money (7) \_\_\_\_\_ will help poor people. It will go to the One Billion Meals charity. This was started by Dubai's ruler. It helps (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people worldwide. The auction house said it was happy (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It said: "We (10) \_\_\_\_\_ announce that the...charity auction...has set a new world record. We (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the [money] will go...towards supporting the...campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustainable (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CAR LICENSE PLATES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2304/230413-car-license-plate-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about car license plates 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) \_\_\_\_\_

