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Level 2 – 23rd November 2023

Napoleon's hat most expensive ever sold at auction

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Would you spend \$2 million on a hat? A hat that once belonged to the French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte sold at an auction this week for \$2.1 million. This is a record for a hat. It is the most expensive hat ever sold. The sale broke the previous record for a hat, which was \$2 million. That hat also belonged to Napoleon. Napoleon liked hats and owned around 120 of them. The latest record-breaking hat is made of felt. It has the red, white and blue colours of the French flag on it. Experts say it dates back to the early 1800s.

Napoleon is one of France's most famous people from history. He played a key part in the French Revolution. He became emperor of France in 1804. His reign as emperor finished in 1815 after he lost the Battle of Waterloo to the British. He was sent to live on a remote island in the Atlantic Ocean. He died there six years later in 1821, aged 51. The auction of his hat coincides with the release of a new movie about his rise to power, and his relationship with the empress Josephine. The movie is called "Napoleon". It is directed by Ridley Scott and stars Joaquin Phoenix and Vanessa Kirby.

Sources: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/napoleon-hat-sold-at-auction-for-a-history-making-price-breaks-record/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. sold at an | a. is made of felt |
| 2. It is the most expensive | b. record for a hat |
| 3. The sale broke the previous | c. to the early 1800s |
| 4. That hat also belonged | d. auction this week |
| 5. Napoleon liked hats and owned | e. French flag |
| 6. The latest record-breaking hat | f. hat ever sold |
| 7. colours of the | g. around 120 of them |
| 8. Experts say it dates back | h. to Napoleon |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Napoleon is one of France's | a. by Ridley Scott |
| 2. He played a key part in the | b. a remote island |
| 3. He became emperor of | c. finished in 1815 |
| 4. His reign as emperor | d. to power |
| 5. He was sent to live on | e. most famous people |
| 6. coincides with the release | f. France in 1804 |
| 7. about his rise | g. of a new movie |
| 8. It is directed | h. French Revolution |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Napoleon (7) _____ France's most famous people from history. He played (8) _____ in the French Revolution. He became emperor of France in 1804. (9) _____ emperor finished in 1815 after he lost the Battle of Waterloo to the British. He was sent to live (10) _____ island in the Atlantic Ocean. He died there six years later in 1821, aged 51. The auction of his hat coincides with the release of a new movie about his (11) _____, and his relationship with the empress Josephine. The movie is called "Napoleon". It (12) _____ Ridley Scott and stars Joaquin Phoenix and Vanessa Kirby.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HATS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about hats 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) _____

