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Level 0 – 23rd November 2023

Napoleon's hat most expensive ever sold at auction

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A hat that Napoleon Bonaparte wore sold at an auction for \$2.1 million. This is a record for a hat. The previous record was \$2 million, for a hat that also belonged to Napoleon.

Napoleon liked hats. He owned around 120 of them. Experts say the latest record-breaking hat is from the early 1800s.

Napoleon is one of France's most famous people. He became emperor of France in 1804. He lost the Battle of Waterloo to the British in 1815 and was sent to a tiny island in the Atlantic Ocean. He died there six years later, aged 51. The sale of Napoleon's hat comes at the same time as a new movie about him.

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. A hat that Napoleon Bonaparte | a. hats |
| 2. sold at an auction | b. record was \$2 million |
| 3. This is a record | c. 1800s |
| 4. The previous | d. for \$2.1 million |
| 5. a hat that also | e. 120 of them |
| 6. Napoleon liked | f. wore |
| 7. He owned around | g. belonged to Napoleon |
| 8. from the early | h. for a hat |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. one of France's most | a. six years later |
| 2. He became emperor | b. time |
| 3. He lost the | c. of France in 1804 |
| 4. sent to | d. about him |
| 5. He died there | e. famous people |
| 6. The sale | f. a tiny island |
| 7. at the same | g. Battle of Waterloo |
| 8. a new movie | h. of Napoleon's hat |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ Napoleon Bonaparte wore

(2) _____ auction for \$2.1 million. This

(3) _____ for a hat. The (4) _____

\$2 million, for a hat that also belonged to Napoleon. Napoleon

liked hats. (5) _____ 120 of them. Experts say

the latest record-breaking hat is from (6) _____.

Napoleon (7) _____ France's most famous

people. He became emperor of France in 1804.

(8) _____ Battle of Waterloo to the British in

1815 and was sent to (9) _____ in the Atlantic

Ocean. He died there (10) _____, aged 51. The

sale of Napoleon's (11) _____ the same time as a

new (12) _____.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **hats** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
