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Level 2 – 13th April 2023

Car license plate sells for record \$15 million

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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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Most of us don't take much notice of car license plates. Maybe we should because they may be valuable. One license plate has just sold for \$15 million in Dubai. It is the world's most expensive plate. It had the letter and number P7 on it. The previous highest price was also set in Dubai. In 2008, someone paid \$14.3 million for a license plate with the number "one" on it. No one knows who broke the record this week. However, locals say it will be difficult for the person's identity to stay a secret. The sale is big news in Dubai, so many drivers will be looking for the P7 plate.

The money from the record-breaking license plate will help poor people. It will go to the One Billion Meals Endowment charity. This was set up by Dubai's ruler. It helps to feed hungry people all around the world. The auction house Emirates Auction said it was happy with the sale. A spokesperson said: "We are proud to announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a new world record. We are thrilled that the [money] will go directly 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Most of us don't take | a. to stay a secret |
| 2. they may be | b. for the P7 plate |
| 3. It had the letter and | c. price |
| 4. The previous highest | d. valuable |
| 5. No one knows who | e. news in Dubai |
| 6. difficult for the person's identity | f. number P7 on it |
| 7. The sale is big | g. much notice |
| 8. drivers will be looking | h. broke the record |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. This was set | a. thrilled |
| 2. It helps to feed | b. to announce that |
| 3. it was happy | c. food aid fund |
| 4. We are proud | d. with the sale |
| 5. set a new world | e. up by Dubai's ruler |
| 6. We are | f. the campaign |
| 7. go directly towards supporting | g. hungry people |
| 8. the largest Ramadan sustainable | h. record |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Most of us don't take (1) _____ car license plates. Maybe we should because they (2) _____. One license plate has just sold for \$15 million in Dubai. It is the world's most expensive plate. It had the (3) _____ P7 on it. The previous highest price was (4) _____ Dubai. In 2008, someone paid \$14.3 million for a license plate with the number (5) _____. No one knows who broke the record this week. However, locals say it will be difficult for the person's identity to stay a secret. The (6) _____ news in Dubai, so many drivers will be looking for the P7 plate.

The money from the record-breaking license plate (7) _____ people. It will go to the One Billion Meals Endowment charity. This was (8) _____ Dubai's ruler. It (9) _____ hungry people all around the world. The auction house Emirates Auction said it was happy (10) _____. A spokesperson said: "We are proud to announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a new world record. We are thrilled that the [money] will go directly towards supporting the...campaign, (11) _____ establish the largest Ramadan sustainable (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CAR LICENSE PLATES SURVEY

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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) _____

