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**Level 3 – 13th April 2023**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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Most of us don't really take much notice of car license plates. Maybe we should look at them more from now because they may be valuable. One license plate has just sold for nearly \$15 million in Dubai, UAE. It is the world's most expensive plate. The plate had the letter and number P7 on it. The previous highest price was also set in the UAE. That was in 2008, when someone paid \$14.3 million for a license plate with the number "one" on it. It is not known who broke the record earlier this week. However, locals say it might be difficult for the person's identity to remain a secret. The sale is big news in Dubai, so many drivers will be aware of the P7 plate.

The money from the record-breaking license plate will help poor people worldwide. The cash will go to a charity called the One Billion Meals Endowment. This charity was set up by Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. It brings food to hungry people all around the world. The auction house told reporters it was happy with the sale. A spokesperson from Emirates Auction said: "We are proud to announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a new world record. We are thrilled that the proceeds will go directly towards supporting the...campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustainable food aid fund."

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<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/license-plate-just-sold-world-170000871.html>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CAR LICENSE PLATES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about car license plates. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

car license plates / valuable / Dubai / expensive / letter / number / identity / drivers / record breaking / cash / charity / meals / reporters / auction / Ramadan / food aid

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. CHARITIES:** Students A **strongly** believe a lot of the proceeds from auctions should go to charities; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. HIGHEST PRICE:** What's the most you would pay for these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Price	Why?
A smartphone		
A shirt		
Sneakers		
A car		
A restaurant meal		
A wallet		

**5. CAR:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "car". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. AUCTION:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to auction at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Art
- Car license plates
- Houses
- English books
- Smartphones
- Used clothes
- Cars
- Food

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 1. notice   | a. Having knowledge or understanding of a situation or fact.            |
| 2. valuable | b. The fact of looking at or paying attention to something.             |
| 3. previous | c. The fact of being who (and their name) or what a person or thing is. |
| 4. local    | d. Worth a lot of money.  |
| 5. identity | e. A person who lives in a particular area or neighbourhood.            |
| 6. remain   | f. Happening before in time or order; the one before the one now.       |
| 7. aware    | g. Continue to be as it is now.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. charity      | h. An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those who need help.          |
| 9. set up       | i. Able to be kept at the same (or similar) level.  |
| 10. ruler       | j. Start a new business, project, campaign, etc.  |
| 11. auction     | k. Very, very, very happy.  |
| 12. proud       | l. A person who is head of a country.   |
| 13. thrilled    | m. A public sale in which things are sold to the person who pays the highest price.         |
| 14. sustainable | n. Feeling very happy because of one's own achievements, things or those of people we like. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says no one notices car license plates. **T / F**
2. A car license plate sold for just over \$15 million in Dubai. **T / F**
3. The number on the record-breaking plate was "7P". **T / F**
4. It will be very easy to keep the new plate owner's identity a secret. **T / F**
5. The money from the auction will go to help hungry people worldwide. **T / F**
6. A food charity was established by the ruler of Dubai. **T / F**
7. The auction house was happy with the amount of money raised. **T / F**
8. The charity wants to create an unsustainable food aid fund. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>valuable</b>  | a. state        |
| 2. <b>previous</b>  | b. stay         |
| 3. <b>difficult</b> | c. impoverished |
| 4. <b>remain</b>    | d. former       |
| 5. <b>aware</b>     | e. conscious    |
| 6. <b>poor</b>      | f. expensive    |
| 7. <b>cash</b>      | g. pleased      |
| 8. <b>happy</b>     | h. straight     |
| 9. <b>announce</b>  | i. hard         |
| 10. <b>directly</b> | j. money        |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Most of us don't really take much      | a. up by Dubai's ruler          |
| 2. One license plate has just sold        | b. broke the record             |
| 3. The previous highest                   | c. to remain a secret           |
| 4. It is not known who                    | d. supporting the campaign      |
| 5. difficult for the person's identity    | e. notice of car license plates |
| 6. The cash will                          | f. people                       |
| 7. This charity was set                   | g. thrilled                     |
| 8. It brings food to hungry               | h. for nearly \$15 million      |
| 9. We are                                 | i. go to a charity              |
| 10. the proceeds will go directly towards | j. price                        |

# GAP FILL

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

Most of us don't really take much (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of car license plates. Maybe we should look at them more from now because they may be (2) \_\_\_\_\_. One license plate has just sold for nearly \$15 million in Dubai, UAE. It is the world's (3) \_\_\_\_\_ expensive plate. The plate had the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and number P7 on it. The previous highest price was also set in the UAE. That was in 2008, when someone (5) \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.3 million for a license plate with the number "one" on it. It is not known who (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the record earlier this week. However, locals say it might be difficult for the person's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to remain a secret. The sale is big news in Dubai, so many drivers will be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the P7 plate.

*most*  
*paid*  
*aware*  
*valuable*  
*identity*  
*notice*  
*letter*  
*broke*

The money from the record-breaking license plate will help poor people (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The cash will go to a charity called the One Billion Meals Endowment. This charity was set up by Dubai's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. It brings food to hungry people all around the world. The (11) \_\_\_\_\_ house told reporters it was happy with the (12) \_\_\_\_\_. A spokesperson from Emirates Auction said: "We are (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ world record. We are (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that the proceeds will go directly towards supporting the...campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustainable food (16) \_\_\_\_\_ fund."

*auction*  
*aid*  
*proud*  
*worldwide*  
*thrilled*  
*ruler*  
*sale*  
*new*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Maybe we should look at them more from now because they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. may be valuables
  - b. may be vulnerable
  - c. may be fallible
  - d. may be value a ball
- 2) One license plate has just sold for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. near \$15 million
  - b. early \$15 million
  - c. nearly \$15 million
  - d. gnarly \$15 million
- 3) It is not known who broke the record \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. earlier that week
  - b. earlier this week
  - c. earlier these week
  - d. earlier his week
- 4) locals say it might be difficult for the person's identity to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. remains a secret
  - b. remain the secret
  - c. remain a secret
  - d. remain ass egret
- 5) The sale is big news in Dubai, so many drivers \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will be aware
  - b. will beware
  - c. will be a where
  - d. will beer wear
- 6) The money from the record-breaking license plate will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. help poorly people
  - b. help poor people
  - c. help pour people
  - d. help pore people
- 7) It brings food to hungry people all \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. around a world
  - b. a round the world
  - c. around the world
  - d. abound the world
- 8) The auction house told reporters it was happy \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. with the sail
  - b. with the shale
  - c. with the seal
  - d. with the sale
- 9) We are thrilled that the proceeds will go directly towards \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. support tin the campaign
  - b. support in the campaign
  - c. supporting the campaign
  - d. support thing the campaign
- 10) establish the largest Ramadan sustainable \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. food aid fond
  - b. food aid fund
  - c. food aid fend
  - d. food aid find

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

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The money from the record-breaking license plate (7) \_\_\_\_\_ people worldwide. The cash will go to a charity called the One Billion Meals Endowment. This charity (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. It brings food to hungry people all around the world. The auction house told reporters it was happy (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A spokesperson from Emirates Auction said: "We (10) \_\_\_\_\_ announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a new world record. We are thrilled that the proceeds (11) \_\_\_\_\_ towards supporting the...campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustainable (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who doesn't take much notice of car license plates?
2. Why should we look at car license plates more?
3. What was written on the record-breaking car license plate?
4. When was the previous record for a car license plate set?
5. What might be difficult to be kept a secret?
6. Who will the money from the car license plate sale help?
7. What is the One Billion Meals Endowment?
8. Who set up the One Billion Meals Endowment?
9. How did Emirates Auction feel about the new world record?
10. What will the proceeds of a campaign help to establish?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who doesn't take much notice of car license plates?
  - a) some of us
  - b) all of us
  - c) most of us
  - d) none of us
- 2) Why should we look at car license plates more?
  - a) They may be valuable.
  - b) We all should.
  - c) People who love cars.
  - d) People who love auctions.
- 3) What was written on the record-breaking car license plate?
  - a) 7P
  - b) P7
  - c) P17
  - d) 17P
- 4) When was the previous record for a car license plate set?
  - a) 2018
  - b) 2003
  - c) 2007
  - d) 2008
- 5) What might be difficult to be kept a secret?
  - a) the car the plate is on
  - b) the exact price of the plate
  - c) the new owner's identity
  - d) the location of the auction house
- 6) Who will the money from the car license plate sale help?
  - a) car drivers
  - b) poor / hungry people
  - c) people without cars
  - d) homeless people
- 7) What is the One Billion Meals Endowment?
  - a) a restaurant
  - b) a website
  - c) a food company
  - d) a charity
- 8) Who set up the One Billion Meals Endowment?
  - a) car owners
  - b) the ruler of Dubai
  - c) a charity
  - d) an auction house
- 9) How did Emirates Auction feel about the new world record?
  - a) sad
  - b) proud
  - c) amazed
  - d) depressed
- 10) What will the proceeds of a campaign help to establish?
  - a) a sustainable food aid fund
  - b) better cars
  - c) tastier food
  - d) new restaurants

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Car License Plates**

You think car license plates are the best thing to auction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): used clothes, smartphones or food.

## **Role B – Used Clothes**

You think used clothes are the best thing to auction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): car license plates, smartphones or food.

## **Role C – Smartphones**

You think smartphones are the best thing to auction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): used clothes, car license plates or food.

## **Role D – Food**

You think food is the best thing to auction. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): used clothes, smartphones or car license plates.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'car' and 'license'.

<b>car</b>	<b>license</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• notice</li><li>• valuable</li><li>• previous</li><li>• someone</li><li>• locals</li><li>• aware</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• poor</li><li>• cash</li><li>• ruler</li><li>• sale</li><li>• new</li><li>• largest</li></ul>
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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.

# CAR LICENSE PLATES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'car'?
3. What are license plates like in your country?
4. What's your favourite car?
5. What do you think of auctions?
6. What do you know about Dubai?
7. Would you pay a lot of money for a license plate?
8. What would you like to buy at an auction?
9. What would you do if you had \$15 million?
10. What advice do you have for the new plate owner?

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# CAR LICENSE PLATES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'license'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What license plate number would you like?
15. How else can auctions help poor and hungry people?
16. What do you do to help poorer people?
17. Should money be shared so there is no need for charities?
18. What world record would you like to break?
19. What charities do you support?
20. What questions would you like to ask the new plate owner?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The money from the record-breaking license plate will help (7) \_\_\_\_\_ people worldwide. The cash will go to a charity called the One Billion Meals Endowment. This charity was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ up by Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. It brings food to hungry people all around the world. The auction house told reporters it was happy (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the sale. A spokesperson from Emirates Auction said: "We are proud (10) \_\_\_\_\_ announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a new world record. We are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that the proceeds will go directly towards supporting the...campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustainable food aid (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |              |              |              |
|-----|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) lots       | (b) much     | (c) loads    | (d) whole    |
| 2.  | (a) valuation  | (b) values   | (c) value    | (d) valuable |
| 3.  | (a) previously | (b) previews | (c) previous | (d) prevents |
| 4.  | (a) when       | (b) where    | (c) that     | (d) who      |
| 5.  | (a) have       | (b) be       | (c) do       | (d) take     |
| 6.  | (a) of         | (b) on       | (c) at       | (d) by       |
| 7.  | (a) poorly     | (b) poverty  | (c) poor     | (d) faulty   |
| 8.  | (a) set        | (b) bet      | (c) met      | (d) let      |
| 9.  | (a) wither     | (b) within   | (c) without  | (d) with     |
| 10. | (a) for        | (b) on       | (c) to       | (d) at       |
| 11. | (a) thrilling  | (b) thrills  | (c) thriller | (d) thrilled |
| 12. | (a) fend       | (b) fund     | (c) find     | (d) fond     |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. don't really take much ocitne
2. they may be labauevl
3. The oripvesu highest price
4. collas say it might be difficult
5. for the person's tdiytien to remain a secret
6. many drivers will be aaewr

## Paragraph 2

7. The cash will go to a yhaitrc
8. The cuontia house
9. We are dorpu to announce that
10. We are ihlltred
11. the roedcpse will go directly
12. isbstnaleau food aid fund

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) in Dubai, UAE. It is the world's most expensive plate. The plate had the letter and number P7
- ( ) world record. We are thrilled that the proceeds will go directly towards supporting
- ( ) for a license plate with the number "one" on it. It is not known who broke the record earlier
- ( ) on it. The previous highest price was also set in the UAE. That was in 2008, when someone paid \$14.3 million
- ( ) now because they may be valuable. One license plate has just sold for nearly \$15 million
- ( **1** ) Most of us don't really take much notice of car license plates. Maybe we should look at them more from
- ( ) go to a charity called the One Billion Meals Endowment. This charity was set up by Dubai's
- ( ) this week. However, locals say it might be difficult for the person's identity to
- ( ) remain a secret. The sale is big news in Dubai, so many drivers will be aware of the P7 plate.
- ( ) The money from the record-breaking license plate will help poor people worldwide. The cash will
- ( ) house told reporters it was happy with the sale. A spokesperson from Emirates Auction said: "We are
- ( ) ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. It brings food to hungry people all around the world. The auction
- ( ) proud to announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a new
- ( ) the...campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustainable food aid fund."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. of us don't much take notice . really Most
2. we more look Maybe at them now . should
3. It world's is the expensive plate . most
4. "one" with A it . plate the number on
5. P7 aware the will be plate . of Drivers
6. charity . will a cash go The to
7. set ruler . This Dubai's up was by charity
8. reporters was The happy . auction house it told
9. go will supporting towards campaign . Proceeds the directly
10. sustainable Ramadan fund . Establish the largest aid food

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Most of *them / us* don't really take much notice of car license plates. Maybe we should look at them more from *then / now* because they may be valuable. One license plate has *just / justly* sold for nearly \$15 million in Dubai, UAE. It is the world's most *expensively / expensive* plate. The plate had the *letter / letters* and number P7 on it. The previous highest price was also *sat / set* in the UAE. That was in 2008, when someone *paid / pays* \$14.3 million for a license plate with the number "one" on it. It is not *known / knowing* who broke the record earlier this week. However, locals say it might be *different / difficult* for the person's identity to remain a secret. The sale is big news in Dubai, so many drivers will *beware / be aware* of the P7 plate.

The money *at / from* the record-breaking license plate will help *poor / poverty* people worldwide. The *cache / cash* will go to a charity called the One Billion Meals Endowment. This charity was set *down / up* by Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. It brings food to *hunger / hungry* people all around the world. The auction house told *reports / reporters* it was happy with the sale. A spokesperson from Emirates Auction said: "We are *proud / pride* to announce that the Most Noble Numbers charity auction...has set a new world record. We are *thrilling / thrilled* that the proceeds will go directly towards supporting the...campaign, which aims *for / to* establish the largest Ramadan sustainable food aid *fund / find*."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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The money from the record-breaking license plate will help poor people worldwide. The cash will go to charity called the UAE Billions Millions Fund. This charity was set up by Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid. It brings food to hungry people all around the world. The current highest reported price was happy with the sale. The spokesperson from Emirates said: "We are proud to announce that the Most Valuable Numbers charity current has set a new world record. We are thrilled that the proceeds will go directly towards supporting the... campaign, which aims to establish the largest Ramadan sustenance fund fund fund."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the money from the recordbreaking license plate will help poor people worldwide the cash will go to a charity called the one billion meals endowment this charity was set up by dubais ruler sheikh mohammed bin rashid it brings food to hungry people all around the world the auction house told reporters it was happy with the sale a spokesperson from emirates auction said we are proud to announce that the most noble numbers charity auction has set a new world record we are thrilled that the proceeds will go directly towards supporting the campaign which aims to establish the largest ramadan sustainable food aid fund

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **car license plates** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CAR LICENSE PLATES:** Make a poster about car license plates. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AUCTIONS:** Write a magazine article about having more auctions to sell the things we don't need. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on car license plates. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to improve them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. d    3. f    4. e    5. c    6. g    7. a  
8. h    9. j    10. l    11. m    12. n    13. k    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 F    5 T    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. I	4. b	5. e
6. c	7. j	8. g	9. a	10. h

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Most of us
2. They may be valuable
3. P7
4. 2008
5. The new owner's identity
6. Poor / hungry people
7. A charity
8. The ruler of Dubai
9. Proud
10. A sustainable food aid fund

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Most of us don't really take much notice.
2. Maybe we should look at them more now.
3. It is the world's most expensive plate.
4. A plate with the number "one" on it.
5. Drivers will be aware of the P7 plate.
6. The cash will go to a charity.
7. This charity was set up by Dubai's ruler.
8. The auction house told reporters it was happy.
9. Proceeds will go directly towards supporting the campaign.
10. Establish the largest Ramadan sustainable food aid fund.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)