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Level 1 – 23rd November 2023

Napoleon's hat most expensive ever sold at auction

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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/2311/231123-napoleon-hat-1.html>

A hat that the French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte wore was sold at an auction this week for \$2.1 million. This is a record for a hat. Its sale broke the previous record for a hat. This was \$2 million for a hat that also belonged to Napoleon. Napoleon liked hats. He owned around 120 of them. The latest record-breaking hat 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. He played an important part in the French Revolution. He became emperor of France in 1804. After he lost the Battle of Waterloo to the British in 1815, he was sent to a remote island in the Atlantic Ocean. He died there six years later, aged 51. The auction of Napoleon's hat comes at the same time as a new movie about his rise to power. It is called "Napoleon" and was directed by Ridley Scott.

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. the French emperor | a. to the early 1800s |
| 2. sold at an | b. a hat |
| 3. This is a record for | c. hat |
| 4. Its sale broke the previous | d. auction this week |
| 5. He owned around | e. the French flag |
| 6. The latest record-breaking | f. record for a hat |
| 7. colours of | g. Napoleon Bonaparte |
| 8. Experts say it dates back | h. 120 of them |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. one of France's most | a. Battle of Waterloo |
| 2. He became emperor | b. to power |
| 3. he lost the | c. of Napoleon's hat |
| 4. he was sent to a remote | d. by Ridley Scott |
| 5. The auction | e. famous people |
| 6. at the same | f. island |
| 7. a new movie about his rise | g. of France in 1804 |
| 8. directed | h. time |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ the French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte (2) _____ at an auction this week for \$2.1 million. This is a record for a hat. Its sale (3) _____ record for a hat. This was \$2 million for a hat that (4) _____ Napoleon. Napoleon liked hats. (5) _____ 120 of them. The latest record-breaking hat has the red, white and blue colours of the French flag on it. Experts say it (6) _____ the early 1800s.

Napoleon (7) _____ France's most famous people. He played an (8) _____ the French Revolution. He became emperor of France in 1804. After he lost the Battle of Waterloo to the British in 1815, he was sent (9) _____ island in the Atlantic Ocean. He died there six years later, aged 51. The auction of Napoleon's hat comes at the (10) _____ a new movie about his (11) _____. It is called "Napoleon" (12) _____ by Ridley Scott.

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.
