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**Level 4** – 30th October, 2019

## **Kurt Cobain cardigan auctions for \$334,000**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191030-kurt-cobain-4.html>

An olive green and mohair cardigan the singer Kurt Cobain wore on TV broke the record for the most expensive cardigan ever sold. An anonymous buyer paid \$334,000 for it during a two-day sale of rock memorabilia. It attracted attention after it was described as being "one of the most famous sweaters in music history". Cobain wore the cardigan while performing with his band Nirvana. He played a largely acoustic set of his favorite songs and some cover songs.

The cardigan has reportedly not been washed since the TV show. It has a hole in it from a cigarette. A buyer bought it in 2015 and spoke about his purchase. He described the responsibility he felt in owning such a famous piece of rock and roll history. He said: "It was kind of like when my children were born years ago - I was so happy to see them, but then I was like, 'Oh no.'" Mr Cobain's daughter has started a fashion collection called Kurt Was Here.

Sources: <https://www.itv.com/news/2019-10-27/kurt-cobain-s-mtv-unplugged-cardigan-sold-at-auction-for-a-record-260-000/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191030-kurt-cobain-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. broke                    | a. history         |
| 2. An anonymous buyer       | b. acoustic set    |
| 3. It attracted             | c. paid \$334,000  |
| 4. one of the most          | d. songs           |
| 5. in music                 | e. the record      |
| 6. performing with his band | f. famous sweaters |
| 7. He played a largely      | g. attention       |
| 8. cover                    | h. Nirvana         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The cardigan has reportedly not    | a. to see them           |
| 2. It has a hole in it                | b. rock and roll history |
| 3. A buyer bought it                  | c. been washed           |
| 4. He described the responsibility he | d. collection            |
| 5. owning such a famous piece of      | e. from a cigarette      |
| 6. kind of like when my               | f. felt                  |
| 7. I was so happy                     | g. in 2015               |
| 8. started a fashion                  | h. children were born    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The cardigan has reportedly not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the TV show. It has a hole in it (8) \_\_\_\_\_. A buyer bought it in 2015 and spoke about his purchase. He described (9) \_\_\_\_\_ felt in owning such a famous (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and roll history. He said: "It was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ when my children were born years ago - I was so happy to see them, but then I was like, 'Oh no.'" Mr Cobain's daughter has started (12) \_\_\_\_\_ called Kurt Was Here.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CARDIGANS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191030-kurt-cobain-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about cardigans 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) \_\_\_\_\_

