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Level 0

Moscow removes giant Louis Vuitton suitcase

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131130-louis-vuitton-0.html>

Russia will remove a building in Moscow. It looks like a Louis Vuitton (LV) suitcase. It is 30 metres long. It has LV logos and Russian flags on it. LV built it for a 6-week exhibition. It was also for the company's 150th birthday. LV workers are sad. LV had permission for the building and inspectors checked it many times.

Russians did not like the suitcase. It was in Red Square - a special place for Russians. It was next to Lenin's body. One man said it was embarrassing for Russia. He also said it was shocking. Most Russians do not have money to buy a LV bag. The exhibition will move to another place. Money from it will go to a children's charity.

Sources: <http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/shameful-louis-vuitton-trunk-to-be-removed-from-red-square/490409.html#ixzz2lvG2Lgmr>
<http://en.ria.ru/russia/20131127/185059988/French-Fashion-House-Asked-to-Remove-Giant-Trunk-from-Red-Square.html>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. in the centre | a. many times |
| 2. It has LV | b. of Moscow |
| 3. two giant Russian flags | c. 150th birthday |
| 4. a 6-week | d. finished it |
| 5. the company's | e. exhibition |
| 6. LV had permission | f. on one side |
| 7. inspectors checked it | g. for the building |
| 8. before the builders | h. logos on it |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. They couldn't understand | a. embarrassing for Russia |
| 2. next to Lenin's | b. to buy a LV bag |
| 3. Red Square is "a sacred place" | c. tomb |
| 4. A Moscow man said it was | d. charity |
| 5. All we think | e. for Russians |
| 6. have money | f. part of Moscow |
| 7. go to another | g. why |
| 8. a children's | h. about is business |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Russia will (1) _____ in Moscow. It looks like a Louis Vuitton (LV) suitcase. It is (2) _____. It has LV (3) _____ flags on it. LV (4) _____ 6-week exhibition. It was also for the company's (5) _____. LV workers are sad. LV (6) _____ the building and inspectors checked it many times.

Russians (7) _____ suitcase. It was in Red Square - (8) _____ for Russians. It was next to Lenin's body. One man said it was (9) _____ Russia. He (10) _____ shocking. Most Russians do not have (11) _____ a LV bag. The exhibition will move to another place. Money from (12) _____ children's charity.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

