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Gambler sues hotel casino for losing

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140706-gambling-4.html>

The wife of Oman's foreign minister is suing London's high-class The Ritz hotel for losing money at its casino. Nora Al-Daher lost nearly \$3.5-million in just a few hours. The 50-year-old multi-millionaire said it was the casino's fault that she lost because they knew she had a gambling problem. She told the judge: "I needed someone that night to tell me to stop playing and bring me to my senses. If I had been told to stop, of course I would have done so."

Ms Al-Daher had already lost a "significant" amount of money that evening at other casinos. The Ritz sued her after her cheques were not honoured. Al-Daher said she has been a gambling addict since 1999. She lost over \$10 million at The Ritz in three years. Her lawyer said casino staff urged her to lose money, saying: "Staff positively encouraged her...saying, 'Anything for you....No problem....The next time you will get your money back'."

Sources: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/gambling-addict-wife-omani-politician-3806320#ixzz36RXC9iOp>
<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/omani-politicians-wife-sues-the-ritz-after-losing-millions-in-a-single-evening-9581127.html>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-28149325>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. foreign | a. just a few hours |
| 2. Al-Daher lost nearly \$3.5-million in | b. tell me to stop |
| 3. multi- | c. my senses |
| 4. they knew she had a | d. minister |
| 5. I needed someone that night to | e. millionaire |
| 6. bring me to | f. gambling problem |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. lost a "significant" | a. cheques were not honoured |
| 2. The Ritz sued her after her | b. encouraged her |
| 3. she has been a gambling | c. her to lose money |
| 4. casino staff urged | d. your money back |
| 5. Staff positively | e. amount of money |
| 6. you will get | f. addict since 1999 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The wife of Oman's foreign (1) _____ London's high-class

The Ritz hotel for losing (2) _____. Nora Al-Daher lost

nearly \$3.5-million in just a few hours. The 50-year-

(3) _____ said it was the casino's fault that she lost

because they knew she had (4) _____. She told the judge:

"I needed someone that (5) _____ stop playing and bring

me to my senses. If I had been told to stop, of course I

(6) _____."

Ms Al-Daher had already (7) _____ amount of money that

evening at other casinos. The Ritz (8) _____ cheques were

not honoured. Al-Daher said she has been (9) _____ since

1999. She (10) _____ at The Ritz in three years. Her

lawyer said casino (11) _____ lose money, saying: "Staff

positively encouraged her...saying, 'Anything for you....No problem....The

next time you will (12) _____'."

GAMBLING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about gambling 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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)

