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Gambler sues hotel casino for losing

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140706-gambling-5.html>

The wife of Oman's foreign minister is suing a high-class London casino for losing money. Nora Al-Daher lost nearly \$3.5-million in London's exclusive The Ritz hotel. She blew the cash in a few hours and then blamed casino staff for not stopping her. The 50-year-old multi-millionaire insisted it was the casino's fault that she lost as they knew she had a gambling problem. She told the judge in court: "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 immediately, but no one ever told me."

Ms Al-Daher said she arrived at The Ritz that evening already having lost a "significant" amount of money at other casinos. The Ritz sued Ms Al-Daher for almost \$1.5 million after her cheques were not honoured. Al-Daher said she realised she was a gambling addict in 1999. She lost more than \$10 million at The Ritz over the next three years. Her lawyer said casino staff urged her to lose money, saying: "Staff positively encouraged her when she was losing, saying, 'Anything for you....We trust you. No problem. Relax. Don't worry....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>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The wife of Oman's foreign | a. cash in a few hours |
| 2. a high- | b. millionaire |
| 3. She blew the | c. problem |
| 4. blamed casino staff for | d. class London casino |
| 5. multi- | e. my senses |
| 6. they knew she had a gambling | f. minister |
| 7. bring me to | g. so immediately |
| 8. I would have done | h. not stopping her |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. lost a "significant" | a. not honoured |
| 2. her cheques were | b. your money back |
| 3. she realised she was a gambling | c. at The Ritz |
| 4. She lost more than \$10 million | d. next three years |
| 5. over the | e. amount of money |
| 6. staff urged her | f. encouraged her |
| 7. Staff positively | g. addict |
| 8. you will get | h. to lose money |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1407/140706-gambling-5.html>

The wife of Oman's foreign minister (1) _____ London casino for losing money. Nora Al-Daher lost nearly \$3.5-million in London's exclusive The Ritz hotel. She (2) _____ few hours and then blamed casino staff (3) _____. The 50-year-old multi-millionaire insisted it was the (4) _____ lost as they knew she had a gambling problem. She told the judge in court: "I needed someone that night (5) _____ playing and bring me to my senses. If I had been told to stop, of course I would have done so immediately, but (6) _____."

Ms Al-Daher said she arrived at The Ritz that (7) _____ lost a "significant" amount of money at other casinos. The Ritz sued Ms Al-Daher for almost \$1.5 million after her cheques (8) _____. Al-Daher said she realised she (9) _____ in 1999. She lost more than \$10 million at The Ritz (10) _____. Her lawyer said casino staff urged her to lose money, saying: "Staff positively (11) _____ she was losing, saying, 'Anything for you....We trust you. No problem. Relax. Don't worry....The (12) _____ get your money back'."

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)

