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**Level 1** – 27th May, 2020

## Woman wins \$1 million Picasso in charity raffle

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200527-picasso-raffle-1.html>

An Italian lady won a Pablo Picasso painting. She won it in a charity raffle. Her son bought her the ticket for Christmas. The lady found out she was the lucky winner on Wednesday. Her son explained that when he told his mother she had won a Picasso, she said: "Please don't joke." He added: "It was maybe the best decision I've made in my life." His mother could not believe she had won. She said it was "incredible". She added: "I have never won anything before".

The painting is of a newspaper and wine glass on a table. It is called Still Life. Picasso painted it in 1921. The winner was decided in Paris at an auction house. It valued the painting at \$1.1 million. The billionaire art collector who gave the painting to the raffle said it was worth up to \$3 million. All the money collected in the raffle will help people in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair wells and toilets in countryside villages.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2020/may/21/italian-woman-wins-1m-picasso-in-christmas-raffle>  
<https://au.finance.yahoo.com/news/italian-woman-wins-167m-picasso-painting-232512026.html>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/picasso-raffle-win-million-painting-intl/index.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200527-picasso-raffle-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. She won it in                | a. joke             |
| 2. she was the lucky            | b. "incredible"     |
| 3. when he told                 | c. winner           |
| 4. Please don't                 | d. anything before  |
| 5. the best decision I've made  | e. his mother       |
| 6. His mother could not believe | f. a charity raffle |
| 7. She said it was              | g. she had won      |
| 8. I have never won             | h. in my life       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. The painting is         | a. and toilets       |
| 2. at an auction           | b. at \$1.1 million  |
| 3. It valued the painting  | c. villages          |
| 4. The billionaire art     | d. up to \$3 million |
| 5. it was worth            | e. house             |
| 6. All the money collected | f. of a newspaper    |
| 7. build and repair wells  | g. in the raffle     |
| 8. in countryside          | h. collector         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Italian (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Pablo Picasso painting. She won (2) \_\_\_\_\_ charity raffle. Her son bought her the ticket for Christmas. The lady found (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the lucky winner on Wednesday. Her son explained that when he told his mother she (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Picasso, she said: "Please don't joke." He added: "It was maybe the best decision I've made (5) \_\_\_\_\_." His mother could not believe she had won. She said it was "incredible". She added: "I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ anything before".

The painting (7) \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper and wine glass on a table. It is called Still Life. Picasso (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 1921. The winner was decided in Paris at an auction house. It valued (9) \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.1 million. The billionaire art collector who gave the painting to the raffle said it was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 million. All the money collected in the raffle will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in countryside villages.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# PICASSO SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2005/200527-picasso-raffle-4.html>

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

