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Level 2 – 27th May, 2020

Woman wins \$1 million Picasso in charity raffle

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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An Italian lady is suddenly the owner of a Pablo Picasso painting. She won the Picasso in a charity raffle. Her son bought her the \$110 ticket for Christmas. The raffle draw was made on Wednesday and the lady was the lucky winner. Her son explained how he told his mother. He said when he told her 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 winning was "incredible". She added: "I have never won anything before".

The painting is called Still Life. Picasso painted and signed it in 1921. It shows a newspaper and a wine glass on a table. The winner was decided in Paris at an international auction house. The auction house valued the painting at \$1.1 million. However, the billionaire art collector who gave the painting to the raffle said it was worth up to three times more than that. All of the money collected in the raffle will help to give water to people in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair wells, washing facilities 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. suddenly the owner of a | a. winner |
| 2. She won the Picasso in | b. made in my life |
| 3. the lady was the lucky | c. joke |
| 4. Her son explained how | d. Pablo Picasso painting |
| 5. Please don't | e. "incredible" |
| 6. the best decision I've | f. he told his mother |
| 7. She said winning was | g. anything before |
| 8. I have never won | h. a charity raffle |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Picasso painted and | a. at \$1.1 million |
| 2. an international auction | b. facilities |
| 3. valued the painting | c. more than that |
| 4. the billionaire art | d. villages |
| 5. worth up to three times | e. repair wells |
| 6. build and | f. collector |
| 7. washing | g. signed it in 1921 |
| 8. in countryside | h. house |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An Italian lady (1) _____ owner of a Pablo Picasso painting. She won the Picasso (2) _____ raffle. Her son bought her the \$110 ticket for Christmas. The raffle draw was made on Wednesday and the lady (3) _____ winner. Her son explained how he told his mother. He said when he (4) _____ had won a Picasso, she said: "Please don't joke." He added: "It was maybe (5) _____ I've made in my life." His mother could not believe she had won. She said winning was "incredible". She added: "I (6) _____ anything before".

The painting is called Still Life. Picasso (7) _____ it in 1921. It shows a newspaper and a wine glass on a table. The (8) _____ in Paris at an international auction house. The auction (9) _____ painting at \$1.1 million. However, the billionaire art collector who gave the painting to the raffle said it (10) _____ to three times more than that. All of the money collected in the (11) _____ to give water to people in Madagascar and Cameroon. An NGO will build and repair wells, washing (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) _____

