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**Level 4 – 26th October, 2020**

## **Britain to return 5,000 ancient artefacts to Iraq**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201026-iraqi-antiquities-4.html>

The UK will return 5,000 ancient artefacts to Iraq. The announcement was made during the visit of Iraq's Prime Minister to London this week. The return is the largest ever by the UK. Many of the items were stolen and smuggled from Iraq in the past century. A lot of this happened after the last Iraqi war. There is a profitable trade in stolen artefacts. Iraq's ambassador in London said: "We extend our gratitude [to the UK] for their efforts and cooperation."

Many of the artefacts were found by British archaeologists a century ago. One valuable item is a rare Sumerian plaque from 2400BC. It was smuggled out of Iraq and auctioned in 2019. It was seized by police in London. The British Museum said it would continue to "fight against the illicit trade in antiquities". It added: "It is vital that we preserve and protect the world's cultural heritage for future generations to appreciate and enjoy."

Sources: <https://www.thenationalnews.com/world/mena/britain-to-return-5-000-ancient-iraqi-artefacts-1.1098462>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201026-iraqi-antiquities-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The announcement was made      | a. cooperation         |
| 2. the largest ever by            | b. in the past century |
| 3. Many of the items were         | c. in London           |
| 4. smuggled from Iraq             | d. during the visit    |
| 5. There is a profitable trade in | e. to the UK           |
| 6. Iraq's ambassador              | f. stolen              |
| 7. We extend our gratitude        | g. stolen artefacts    |
| 8. for their efforts and          | h. the UK              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a rare Sumerian plaque       | a. by police in London  |
| 2. It was smuggled              | b. trade in antiquities |
| 3. It was seized                | c. enjoy                |
| 4. The British Museum said it   | d. out of Iraq          |
| 5. fight against the illicit    | e. generations          |
| 6. protect the world's cultural | f. from 2400BC          |
| 7. future                       | g. would continue       |
| 8. appreciate and               | h. heritage             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Many of the artefacts were found by British archaeologists (7) \_\_\_\_\_. One valuable item is a rare Sumerian plaque from 2400BC. It was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq and auctioned in 2019. It was (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in London. The British Museum said it would continue to "fight against (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in antiquities". It added: "It is vital that we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's cultural heritage (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to appreciate and enjoy."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ANTIQUITIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201026-iraqi-antiquities-4.html>

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

