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Level 5 – 26th October, 2020

Britain to return 5,000 ancient artefacts to Iraq

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201026-iraqi-antiquities-5.html>

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201026-iraqi-antiquities-5.html>

The UK promised to return more than 5,000 ancient artefacts to Iraq. The announcement was made by the UK government during the visit of Iraq's Prime Minister to London this week. The return of antiquities is the largest ever by the UK. Many of the items were stolen and smuggled out of Iraq over the past century. A lot of this happened after the Iraqi wars earlier this century. There is a profitable trade in stolen artefacts. Iraq's ambassador in London thanked the UK for its help. He said: "We extend our gratitude...for their efforts and cooperation with us."

Many of the artefacts were discovered by British archaeologists a century ago. One valuable item is a rare Sumerian plaque from around 2400BC. It was smuggled out of Iraq and put up for auction in 2019. It was seized by police in London. The plaque will be put on public display at the museum before its return. The British Museum said it would continue to work to research these important collections, and 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-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The announcement was made by | a. out of Iraq |
| 2. The return of | b. in London |
| 3. Many of the items | c. earlier this century |
| 4. smuggled | d. gratitude |
| 5. after the Iraqi wars | e. antiquities |
| 6. There is a profitable trade | f. were stolen |
| 7. Iraq's ambassador | g. the UK government |
| 8. We extend our | h. in stolen artefacts |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. discovered by British | a. collections |
| 2. One valuable item is a | b. in 2019 |
| 3. It was smuggled | c. heritage |
| 4. put up for auction | d. rare Sumerian plaque |
| 5. The plaque will be put | e. in antiquities |
| 6. research these important | f. out of Iraq |
| 7. the illicit trade | g. on public display |
| 8. protect the world's cultural | h. archaeologists |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK (1) _____ more than 5,000 ancient artefacts to Iraq. The announcement was made by the UK government (2) _____ of Iraq's Prime Minister to London this week. The (3) _____ is the largest ever by the UK. Many of the items were stolen and (4) _____ Iraq over the past century. A lot of this happened after the Iraqi wars earlier this century. There is a (5) _____ stolen artefacts. Iraq's ambassador in London thanked the UK for its help. He said: "We extend our gratitude...for their (6) _____ with us."

Many of the artefacts (7) _____ British archaeologists a century ago. One (8) _____ a rare Sumerian plaque from around 2400BC. It was smuggled out of Iraq and put up for auction in 2019. It (9) _____ police in London. The plaque will be put (10) _____ at the museum before its return. The British Museum said it would continue to work to research these important collections, and to "fight against (11) _____ in antiquities". It added: "It is vital that we preserve and protect the world's cultural heritage for future generations to (12) _____."

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) _____

