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Printer ink one of world's most expensive liquids

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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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Quality champagnes and French perfumes are expensive liquids. You might be surprised to know that printer ink is also one of the world's costliest liquids. A survey from the consumer group "Which?" found that some printer ink from tech companies is pricier than many champagnes. Printer ink from printer makers can be up to 286% more expensive than ink from companies that do not make printers. The consumer group said that some branded printer ink can cost \$846 a litre. An expert said: "Printer ink shouldn't cost more than a bottle of high-end champagne or Chanel No 5."

Non-branded ink cartridges can be as good as, if not better than the cartridges made by the printer makers. The expert said: "There are lots of third-party products that are outperforming their branded counterparts at a fraction of the cost." "Which?" said buying non-branded ink could save people around \$398 a year. It added that deciding which ink to use should be "a personal choice and not dictated by the make of your printer". The printer maker Epson said: "As non-genuine inks are not designed or tested by Epson, we cannot guarantee these inks will not damage the printer."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Quality champagnes | a. to know |
| 2. You might be surprised | b. costliest liquids |
| 3. one of the world's | c. end champagne |
| 4. A survey from | d. \$846 a litre |
| 5. printer ink from | e. and French perfume |
| 6. up to 286% | f. tech companies |
| 7. branded printer ink can cost | g. more expensive |
| 8. a bottle of high- | h. the consumer group |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. as good as, | a. \$398 a year |
| 2. cartridges made by the | b. of the cost |
| 3. There are lots of third- | c. genuine inks |
| 4. at a fraction | d. if not better |
| 5. save people around | e. damage the printer |
| 6. deciding which ink | f. printer makers |
| 7. non- | g. to use |
| 8. guarantee these inks will not | h. party products |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Quality champagnes and French (1) _____ liquids. You might be (2) _____ that printer ink is also one of the world's costliest liquids. A survey from the consumer group "Which?" found that (3) _____ from tech companies is pricier than many champagnes. Printer ink from printer makers can be up to 286% (4) _____ ink from companies that do not make printers. The consumer group said that some branded printer (5) _____ \$846 a litre. An expert said: "Printer ink shouldn't cost more than a bottle (6) _____ champagne or Chanel No 5."

Non-branded ink cartridges (7) _____ good as, if not better than the cartridges made by the printer makers. The expert said: "There are lots of (8) _____ that are outperforming their branded counterparts at a fraction of the cost." "Which?" said buying non-branded ink (9) _____ around \$398 a year. It added that deciding which ink to use should be "(10) _____ and not dictated by the make of your printer". The printer maker Epson said: "As (11) _____ are not designed or tested by Epson, we cannot guarantee these inks will not (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PRINTER INK SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about printer ink 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) _____

