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Moscow removes giant Louis Vuitton suitcase

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THE READING

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Russia will remove a big building in the centre of Moscow. It looks like a Louis Vuitton (LV) suitcase. It is nine metres high and 30 metres long. It has LV logos on it and two giant Russian flags on one side. LV built it for a 6-week exhibition of its luggage. It was also for the company's 150th birthday. Louis Vuitton workers are sad. LV had permission for the building and inspectors checked it many times before the builders finished it.

The suitcase was unpopular with Russians. They couldn't understand why it was in Red Square, next to Lenin's tomb. Red Square is "a sacred place" for Russians. A Moscow man said it was embarrassing for Russia. He said: "All we think about is business." He added it was shocking because most Russians did not have money to buy a LV bag. The exhibition may go to another part of Moscow. Money from it will go to a children's charity.

Sources: <http://www.themoscowtimes.com/news/article/shameful-louis-vuitton-trunk-to-be-removed-from-red-square/490409.html#ixzz2lvG2Lgmr>
<http://en.ria.ru/russia/20131127/185059988/French-Fashion-House-Asked-to-Remove-Giant-Trunk-from-Red-Square.html>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. remove a big building | a. for the building |
| 2. LV | b. in the centre of Moscow |
| 3. two giant Russian flags | c. it many times |
| 4. a 6-week | d. logos |
| 5. It was also for the company's | e. finished it |
| 6. LV had permission | f. exhibition |
| 7. inspectors checked | g. 150th birthday |
| 8. the builders | h. on one side |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. They couldn't understand | a. to buy a LV bag |
| 2. next to Lenin's | b. why |
| 3. a sacred place | c. it was embarrassing |
| 4. A Moscow man said | d. charity |
| 5. All we think | e. tomb |
| 6. did not have money | f. part of Moscow |
| 7. go to another | g. about is business |
| 8. a children's | h. for Russians |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Russia (1) _____ building in the centre of Moscow. (2) _____ Louis Vuitton (LV) suitcase. It is nine metres high and 30 metres long. It has LV logos on it and two giant Russian flags (3) _____. LV built it for a 6-week exhibition (4) _____. It was also for the company's 150th birthday. Louis Vuitton workers are sad. LV (5) _____ the building and inspectors checked it (6) _____ the builders finished it.

The suitcase (7) _____ Russians. They couldn't understand why it was in Red Square, next to Lenin's tomb. Red Square (8) _____ for Russians. A Moscow man said it (9) _____ Russia. He said: "All we think about is business." He added it (10) _____ most Russians did not (11) _____ buy a LV bag. The exhibition may go to another part of Moscow. Money from it will go to (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Louis Vuitton** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
