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## **Level 4**

# **\$33 million Fabergé egg found at market**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140322-faberge-egg-4.html>

A rare antique egg designed by the famous Russian jeweller Fabergé was bought at a market in the USA. A scrap dealer bought it for \$13,000. He wanted to sell it for the scrap value of the gold. Fortunately, no one wanted it so he did not scrap it. The egg contained a small watch. The man typed the name of its maker and the word "egg" into Google. He discovered he was the owner of a priceless antique. An expert valued the egg at \$33 million.

The egg was made for Russian Tsar Alexander III. It was last seen in public in 1902. People have wondered about it since then. The Fabergé expert said: "We have so many discoveries but none of them are as momentous as this." He said it was "the ultimate target for every antique dealer". Unfortunately, the egg might once again disappear from public view. The expert said it might be kept in a deep, dark collector's vault.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1228581/royal-faberge-egg-worth-20m-found-at-market>  
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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A rare                   | a. a priceless antique |
| 2. scrap                    | b. value of the gold   |
| 3. sell it for the scrap    | c. at \$33 million     |
| 4. he did not               | d. antique egg         |
| 5. he was the owner of      | e. scrap it            |
| 6. An expert valued the egg | f. dealer              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The egg was made for Russian | a. momentous as this  |
| 2. It was last seen in          | b. discoveries        |
| 3. We have so many              | c. collector's vault  |
| 4. none of them are as          | d. Tsar Alexander III |
| 5. antique                      | e. public in 1902     |
| 6. kept in a deep, dark         | f. dealer             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ designed by the famous Russian jeweller Fabergé was bought at a market in the USA. A (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for \$13,000. He wanted to sell it for the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Fortunately, no one wanted it (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The egg contained a small watch. The man (5) \_\_\_\_\_ its maker and the word "egg" into Google. He discovered he was the owner of a priceless antique. An (6) \_\_\_\_\_ \$33 million.

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Tsar Alexander III. It was last seen in public in 1902. People have (8) \_\_\_\_\_ then. The Fabergé expert said: "We have so many discoveries (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as momentous as this." He said it was "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ every antique dealer". Unfortunately, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ again disappear from public view. The expert said it (12) \_\_\_\_\_ deep, dark collector's vault.

# ANTIQUES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140322-faberge-egg-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about antiques 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)

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)

