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## **Level 5**

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

**22nd March, 2014**

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# THE READING

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

An extremely rare and decorated antique egg designed by the famous Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé has been found at a used goods market in the USA. A scrap dealer bought the golden egg at a stall for \$13,000. The unnamed trader wanted to sell it for the scrap value of the gold. Fortunately, no one could match his asking price so he did not scrap the egg. The egg contained a small watch. The dealer typed the name of its maker and the word "egg" into Google. He discovered he was the owner of a priceless gem. A Fabergé expert examined the egg and valued it at \$33 million.

The egg was made by Fabergé for Russian Tsar Alexander III. It was last seen in public in 1902 at an exhibition. There has been considerable speculation about it since then. Kieran McCarthy, the Fabergé expert, said: "We have so many discoveries but none of them are as momentous as this." He added: "It is a wondrous event because the Easter egg is the ultimate target for every antique dealer and every enthusiast." Unfortunately, the egg might once again vanish from public view. Mr McCarthy said: "It may disappear into the deepest, darkest vaults of a collector somewhere."

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# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. designed by the                       | a. word "egg" into Google    |
| 2. scrap                                 | b. famous Russian jeweller   |
| 3. sell it for the scrap                 | c. valued it at \$33 million |
| 4. The egg contained                     | d. gem                       |
| 5. typed the name of its maker and the   | e. dealer                    |
| 6. He discovered he was                  | f. a small watch             |
| 7. a priceless                           | g. value of the gold         |
| 8. A Fabergé expert examined the egg and | h. the owner                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. made by Fabergé for  | a. as momentous as this       |
| 2. It was last seen in  | b. speculation                |
| 3. considerable         | c. dealer                     |
| 4. We have so many      | d. public in 1902             |
| 5. none of them are     | e. event                      |
| 6. It is a wondrous     | f. discoveries                |
| 7. antique              | g. vaults                     |
| 8. the deepest, darkest | h. Russian Tsar Alexander III |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# ANTIQUES SURVEY

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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)

