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Lebanon breaks wine glass record

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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I bet you didn't know there was a record for the world's biggest wine glass. Well, there is, and Lebanon just broke it. The previous record was set by a team from Portugal in 1998. Elizabeth Smith, an official from the Guinness Book of World Records, made sure the Lebanese wine glass was the biggest ever in a ceremony at a wine festival in Beirut. She said: "I'm here from London and I'm very proud to announce that Vinifest and Eventions, and Lebanon have created a new Guinness world record for the largest wine glass."

The record-breaking glass is 2.40 metres high and has a diameter of 1.65 metres. It can hold over 100 bottles of wine. The record attempt was the idea of wine producers from across Lebanon. They wanted to promote Lebanese wine. Many wineries donated bottles of local reds, whites and roses to fill the giant glass. There are no reports of who drank it. Lebanon has also been in the news for setting other food and drink related records. It recently made the world's biggest bowl of hummus, a chick pea dish, and the biggest tabbouleh.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. I bet you | a. of World Records |
| 2. The previous record was set by | b. festival |
| 3. the Guinness Book | c. didn't know |
| 4. at a wine | d. proud |
| 5. I'm very | e. world record |
| 6. created a new Guinness | f. a team from Portugal |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The record- | a. across Lebanon |
| 2. It can hold over | b. pea dish |
| 3. wine producers from | c. breaking glass |
| 4. wineries donated bottles | d. been in the news |
| 5. Lebanon has also | e. 100 bottles |
| 6. a chick | f. of local reds |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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The _____ 2.40 metres high and has a diameter of 1.65 metres. It _____ of wine. The record _____ of wine producers from across Lebanon. They wanted to promote Lebanese wine. Many _____ of local reds, whites and roses to fill the giant glass. There _____ drank it. Lebanon has also been in the news for setting other food and drink related records. It _____ biggest bowl of hummus, a chick pea dish, and the biggest tabbouleh.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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I (1) _____ you didn't know there was a record for the world's biggest wine glass. Well, there is, and Lebanon just (2) _____ it. The previous record was set by a team from Portugal in 1998. Elizabeth Smith, an (3) _____ from the Guinness Book of World Records, made sure the Lebanese wine glass was the biggest (4) _____ in a ceremony at a wine festival in Beirut. She said: "I'm here from London and I'm very proud (5) _____ announce that Vinifest and Events, and Lebanon have (6) _____ a new Guinness world record for the largest wine glass."

The record-(7) _____ glass is 2.40 metres high and has a diameter of 1.65 metres. It can hold over 100 bottles of wine. The record (8) _____ was the idea of wine producers from across Lebanon. They wanted to promote Lebanese wine. Many wineries (9) _____ bottles of local reds, whites and roses to (10) _____ the giant glass. There are no reports of who drank it. Lebanon has also been (11) _____ the news for setting other food and drink related records. It recently made the world's biggest bowl of hummus, a chick pea (12) _____, and the biggest tabbouleh.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) bit | (b) but | (c) bet |
| 2. | (a) broke | (b) break | (c) broken |
| 3. | (a) offices | (b) official | (c) officially |
| 4. | (a) ever | (b) even | (c) never |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) to |
| 6. | (a) creative | (b) created | (c) creation |
| 7. | (a) breaking | (b) broken | (c) breaks |
| 8. | (a) trying | (b) attempt | (c) tempting |
| 9. | (a) donates | (b) donation | (c) donated |
| 10. | (a) fill | (b) full | (c) fell |
| 11. | (a) on | (b) an | (c) in |
| 12. | (a) bowl | (b) dish | (c) saucer |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. The voiuprse record
2. Lebanon just okreb it
3. an lacfoiif
4. the bigtegs ever
5. a wine tsfalive
6. the rtsaelg wine glass

Paragraph 2

7. a mdeieart of 1.65 metres
8. hold over 100 olttsbe
9. The record ampettt
10. producers from srocsa Lebanon
11. Many wineries ddeonta
12. It rcytlnee made the world's biggest bowl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () World Records, made sure the Lebanese wine glass was the biggest ever in a ceremony at a wine festival in
- () bottles of wine. The record attempt was the idea of wine producers from across Lebanon. They wanted
- () I bet you didn't know there was a record for the world's biggest wine glass. Well, there is, and Lebanon just broke
- () it. The previous record was set by a team from Portugal in 1998. Elizabeth Smith, an official from the Guinness Book of
- () Beirut. She said: "I'm here from London and I'm very proud to announce that Vinifest and Eventions, and
- () The record-breaking glass is 2.40 metres high and has a diameter of 1.65 metres. It can hold over 100
- () to promote Lebanese wine. Many wineries donated bottles of local reds, whites and roses to fill the giant
- () glass. There are no reports of who drank it. Lebanon has also been in the news for setting other food and
- (**1**) Lebanon have created a new Guinness world record for the largest wine glass."
- () drink related records. It recently made the world's biggest bowl of hummus, a chick pea dish, and the biggest tabbouleh.

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. record bet know a I didn't was you there.

2. world's A biggest record wine for glass the.

3. by previous a record team was set The.

4. the was glass wine Lebanese. The ever biggest

5. glass wine largest the for record World.

6. 2.40 high The record metres - breaking glass is

7. It bottles can of hold wine over 100.

8. across of Lebanon wine producers The from idea.

9. bottles donated wineries Many reds local of.

10. biggest hummus recently world's of It the bowl made.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. WORLD RECORDS: Search the Internet and find more information about world records. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about world records. Include imaginary interviews with the people who made the world record wine glass. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to the boss of the Guinness Book of World Records. Ask him/her three questions about world records. Give him/her three of your opinions on what the best ones are. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.