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"Cautious at an Auction"

Last autumn, I drove my automobile to an auction near the local mall. The first piece was a Roman rag doll. I was concerned the item was a fraud.

The next item was a book on the fauna of Guam (*an island in the Pacific Ocean, US territory*). I did not know the author.

Finally, a football caught by Fred Biletnikoff in the Super Bowl. It was not faux. It had a tag to show it was authentic. I wanted the football as it had an aura.

I was cautious because I only wanted to spend a small amount of money. After each bid, the auctioneer would pause and then launched into a larger amount. The room was hot like a sauna. At \$5,000, my jaw dropped to the floor. I just laughed and realized; I can not have everything I want. Well, I can have meatballs with sauce!

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- 1) What season does the story take place?

- 2) In the first paragraph, what word is similar to sham? _____

- 3) What do they mean by "authentic"?

- 4) What would you like to buy at an auction?

- 5) Please underline all the nouns once, the verbs twice and circle every adjective.