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Level 1 – 30th June, 2019

Dutch railway to compensate Holocaust victims

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-1.html>

Holland's railway company, NS, will compensate Holocaust victims. NS will compensate people taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains took thousands of Jews and other minorities to German trains. By 1944, most Jews in Holland had gone. NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and members of their family. NS will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to each victim.

NS said the payments are the company's historical responsibility. The Nazis paid NS to take people to the border. German trains then took them to the camps. NS said it was "a black page" in its history. It added: "There is no...amount of money that can compensate...for the suffering [of] the victims." It called the payments "a moral gesture". NS accepted its role in the suffering of the victims and their family members.

Sources: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/27/world/europe/ns-dutch-railway-holocaust.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Holland's railway | a. victim |
| 2. people taken to Nazi concentration | b. thousands of Jews |
| 3. Germany invaded | c. of euros |
| 4. NS trains took | d. company |
| 5. most Jews in Holland | e. of their family |
| 6. pay tens of millions | f. camps |
| 7. members | g. had gone |
| 8. 15,000 euros to each | h. Holland in 1940 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. payments are the company's | a. in the suffering |
| 2. take people to the | b. money |
| 3. a black page | c. border |
| 4. no amount of | d. family members |
| 5. the suffering | e. in its history |
| 6. a moral | f. historical responsibility |
| 7. NS accepted its role | g. of the victims |
| 8. the victims and their | h. gesture |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-1.html>

Holland's railway company, NS, (1) _____ victims. NS will compensate (2) _____ Nazi concentration camps (3) _____. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains took thousands of Jews and (4) _____ German trains. By 1944, most Jews in Holland had gone. NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about (5) _____ members of their family. NS will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros (6) _____.

NS said (7) _____ the company's historical responsibility. The Nazis paid NS to take people (8) _____. German trains then took them to the camps. NS said it was "(9) _____" in its history. It added: "There is no... (10) _____ that can compensate...for the suffering [of] the victims." It called the payments "(11) _____". NS accepted its role in the suffering of the victims and (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COMPENSATION SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about compensation 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) _____

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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) _____

