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Women-only train cars starting in Germany

31st March, 2016

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160331-women-only-4.html>

A train company in Germany will start a women-only service. The separate carriages should help women feel safer. There will be two special cars on trains that run between Leipzig and Chemnitz. They will be next to the train conductor's car. People on social media say the move is a reaction to an increase in reports of sexual harassment and assault. Rail executives say the cars are to increase security for women and children.

Women-only carriages on trains are not new. They have been in many other countries for decades. They started in Japan in 1912. A politician in Britain asked for such carriages last year. British trains used to have them. The politician's comments made some female politicians angry. One said that violence against women was a serious issue, but the carriages were not the answer. She said it would be, "turning the clock back and not tackling the problem".

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<http://www.mediaite.com/online/amid-fears-of-assault-from-migrants-german-train-offers-cars-just-for-women/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women-only_passenger_car

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. separate | a. executives |
| 2. help women feel | b. carriages |
| 3. next to the train | c. increase security |
| 4. social | d. conductor's car |
| 5. reports of sexual | e. and children |
| 6. Rail | f. safer |
| 7. the cars are to | g. harassment |
| 8. women | h. media |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. in many other countries | a. against women |
| 2. They started in | b. to have them |
| 3. British trains used | c. back |
| 4. The politician's comments made some | d. Japan in 1912 |
| 5. violence | e. problem |
| 6. the carriages were not | f. female politicians angry |
| 7. turning the clock | g. for decades |
| 8. tackling the | h. the answer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ Germany will start a women-only service. The separate carriages should help (2) _____. There will be two special cars on trains (3) _____ Leipzig and Chemnitz. They will (4) _____ train conductor's car. People on social media say the move (5) _____ an increase in reports of sexual harassment and assault. Rail executives say the cars (6) _____ security for women and children.

Women-only carriages on trains (7) _____. They have been in many other countries (8) _____. They started in Japan in 1912. A politician in Britain asked (9) _____ last year. British trains used to have them. The politician's comments made some female politicians angry. One (10) _____ against women was a serious issue, but the carriages (11) _____. She said it would be, "turning the clock back (12) _____ the problem".

WOMEN-ONLY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about women-only trains 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) _____

