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**Level 0 – 30th June, 2019**

## **Dutch railway to compensate Holocaust victims**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-0.html>

Holland's railway company, NS, will compensate Holocaust victims. NS will pay up to 15,000 euros to 500 victims and family members. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains took thousands of Jews and other minorities to German trains. They then went to Nazi death camps. By 1944, there were few Jews left in Holland.

NS said the payments are its historical responsibility. The Nazis paid NS to take people to the border. NS said it was "a black page" in its history. It said no amount of money can compensate for the suffering. It called the payments "a moral gesture". NS accepted its role in the suffering.

Sources: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/27/world/europe/ns-dutch-railway-holocaust.html>  
<https://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Dutch-rail-company-to-pay-Holocaust-survivors-compensation-593836>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. compensate Holocaust  | a. took thousands  |
| 2. NS will pay up        | b. camps           |
| 3. family                | c. to 15,000 euros |
| 4. After Germany invaded | d. left in Holland |
| 5. NS trains             | e. members         |
| 6. Jews and other        | f. Holland         |
| 7. Nazi death            | g. victims         |
| 8. there were few Jews   | h. minorities      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the payments are its historical | a. of money         |
| 2. The Nazis                       | b. gesture          |
| 3. take people                     | c. paid NS          |
| 4. a black page                    | d. in the suffering |
| 5. no amount                       | e. to the border    |
| 6. compensate for                  | f. in its history   |
| 7. a moral                         | g. the suffering    |
| 8. NS accepted its role            | h. responsibility   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-0.html>

Holland's railway company, NS, will compensate Holocaust victims. NS (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to 15,000 euros to 500 victims (2) \_\_\_\_\_. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of Jews and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ German trains. They then went to Nazi death camps. By 1944, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Jews (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

NS said the payments (7) \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility. The Nazis paid NS to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the border. NS said it was "(9) \_\_\_\_\_" in its history. It said no (10) \_\_\_\_\_ can compensate for the suffering. It called the payments "(11) \_\_\_\_\_". NS accepted its (12) \_\_\_\_\_ suffering.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

