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## Level 0

### Japanese tourists call police over rip-off restaurant bill

24th January, 2018

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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/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-0.html>

Four tourists are angry. A restaurant meal in Venice cost them \$1,350 for steak. The tourists were students. They were ripped off (overcharged). Venice's mayor is contacting the restaurant. He promised to take action. He said if it is true, he will punish the restaurant. He said: "We are for justice - always."

Tourists often get overcharged. People in Venice are worried about this news. There have been similar cases of rip-off prices in Venice. Someone the restaurant is giving a bad name. Venice. The restaurant has a 1.5 (out of 5) rating on a travel website. This is terrible. The food is average and the service is bad.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/venice-restaurant-bill-charge-meal-tourists-police-osteria-da-luca-st-marks-square-a8172426.html>  
<http://www.euronews.com/2018/01/22/venice-s-mayor-pledges-action-over-1-100-dinner-bill>  
<http://metro.co.uk/2018/01/22/students-rang-police-given-1000-bill-restaurant-venice-7250997/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. A restaurant in Venice charged them | a. action            |
| 2. The tourists were                   | b. \$1,350 for steak |
| 3. They were ripped off                | c. the restaurant    |
| 4. Venice's mayor is contacting the    | d. (overcharged)     |
| 5. He promised to take                 | e. justice           |
| 6. if it                               | f. restaurant        |
| 7. he will punish                      | g. students          |
| 8. We are for                          | h. is true           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Tourists often get              | a. off prices        |
| 2. People in Venice are worried    | b. average           |
| 3. There have been similar         | c. (out of 5) rating |
| 4. rip-                            | d. is bad            |
| 5. the restaurant is giving Venice | e. cases             |
| 6. The restaurant has a 1.5        | f. overcharged       |
| 7. The food is                     | g. a bad name        |
| 8. the service                     | h. about this news   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-0.html>

Four (1) \_\_\_\_\_ . A restaurant in Venice charged them (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for steak. The tourists were students. They (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (overcharged). Venice's mayor (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the restaurant. He promised to take action. He said if (5) \_\_\_\_\_, he will punish the restaurant. He said: "We (6) \_\_\_\_\_ - always." (7) \_\_\_\_\_ overcharged. People in Venice are worried (8) \_\_\_\_\_. There have been similar cases of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in Venice. Someone said the restaurant is giving Venice (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The restaurant has a 1.5 (out of 5) rating on (11) \_\_\_\_\_. This is terrible. The food (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the service is bad.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# RIP-OFF PRICES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about rip-off prices 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) \_\_\_\_\_

