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Train drivers in UK earn more than pilots

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There are reports that London subway train drivers get paid more than pilots, police officers and nurses. A UK newspaper reports that the highest-paid drivers on the London Underground earned \$130,000 last year, including overtime, bonuses and pension payments. This is 69 per cent higher than 2012. The basic salary of a train driver is \$70,000 a year - double the average wage of a nurse and more than what many airline pilots get. Police officers in London get a starting salary of \$28,000. London Underground train drivers also get over eight weeks holiday a year.

Many people think the high salaries are unfair. The Tax-Payers' Alliance said: "These salaries are totally [wrong]...the role of a subway train driver is getting easier." Many train drivers no longer have to drive the trains because train lines are fully automated. On automated train lines, drivers only have to open and close train doors. The drivers are going on strike for more pay. A spokesman said their pay was for "professionalism and expertise" in "delivering a professional public service for hundreds of thousands of passengers travelling on the Underground...every day".

Sources: <https://metro.co.uk/2018/12/16/tube-drivers-paid-100000-year-8254829/>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6500923/Mind-pay-gap-London-Tube-drivers-100-000-year-salaries-pilots.html>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/7991973/london-underground-tube-drivers-paid-100k-jobs-easier/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the highest- | a. of \$28,000 |
| 2. \$130,000 last year, | b. of a train driver |
| 3. bonuses and pension | c. holiday a year |
| 4. The basic salary | d. payments |
| 5. double the average | e. including overtime |
| 6. more than what many | f. wage of a nurse |
| 7. get a starting salary | g. airline pilots get |
| 8. get over eight weeks | h. paid drivers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. These salaries are totally | a. and expertise |
| 2. train lines are fully | b. thousands |
| 3. drivers only have to open | c. automated |
| 4. The drivers are going on | d. Underground every day |
| 5. professionalism | e. and close train doors |
| 6. delivering a professional | f. strike for more pay |
| 7. hundreds of | g. wrong |
| 8. travelling on the | h. public service |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ London subway train drivers get paid (2) _____, police officers and nurses. A UK newspaper reports that the highest-paid drivers on the London Underground earned \$130,000 (3) _____ overtime, bonuses and pension payments. This is 69 per cent higher than 2012. The (4) _____ a train driver is \$70,000 a year - double the average (5) _____ nurse and more than what many airline pilots get. Police officers in London (6) _____ salary of \$28,000. London Underground train drivers also get over eight weeks holiday a year.

Many people (7) _____ salaries are unfair. The Tax-Payers' Alliance said: "These salaries (8) _____...the role of a subway train driver is getting easier." Many train drivers (9) _____ have to drive the trains because train lines are fully automated. On automated (10) _____ only have to open and close train doors. The drivers are (11) _____ for more pay. A spokesman said their pay was for "professionalism and expertise" in "delivering a professional public service for (12) _____ of passengers travelling on the Underground...every day".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRAIN DRIVERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181219-train-drivers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Train drivers 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) _____

