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**Level 3 – 30th June, 2019**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

Holland's national railway company is going to compensate victims of the Holocaust. World War II ended over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has decided to give compensation to people who were taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company is known as NS. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains transported thousands of Jews and other minorities to Nazi death camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed and deported. Seven decades later, NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their direct family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to each victim.

The company said the payments were part of the company's historical responsibility. It said the company was paid by the Nazis to take the victims to the border. The victims were put on German trains and taken to concentration camps. A spokesman said this was "a black page in the history of the company". He added: "There is no reasonable or appropriate amount of money that [we can pay to] compensate in any way for the suffering inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments were "a moral gesture". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its share in the individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their direct surviving relatives."

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

**1. COMPENSATION:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Compensation. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

national / railway / compensation / Holocaust / minorities / survivors / victim / euros / payment / responsibility / border / history / appropriate / committee / moral / gesture

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. VICTIMS:** Students A **strongly** believe all victims and/or surviving family members of past horrors should get compensation; Students B **strongly** believe they shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. TRAGEDIES:** What do you know about these tragedies? How should they be remembered? Go online and then complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What You Know	How To Remember It
The Holocaust		
The Slave Trade		
The Black Death		
The Partition of India		
North Korea Famine		
Cambodia Genocide		

**5. RAILWAY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "railway". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. REMEMBERING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of remembering tragedies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Prayer
- A worldwide memorial day
- A global museum
- An Internet site
- Lessons in school
- A minute's silence
- A website
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1. national           | a. Sent someone out of a country, usually because they have done something bad.          |
| 2. concentration camp | b. Sent an army into another country to take it over.                                    |
| 3. invaded            | c. A place where large numbers of people are imprisoned and killed.                      |
| 4. minorities         | d. In a straight family line from parents to children to aunts, uncles and cousins, etc. |
| 5. deported           | e. About a country.  |
| 6. decade             | f. Groups of people living somewhere they are in smaller numbers than most people.       |
| 7. direct             | g. A period of ten years.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. payment        | h. The state or fact of being to blame for something.                             |
| 9. responsibility | i. Caused something unpleasant or painful to be suffered by someone or something. |
| 10. border        | j. Having pain, distress, or hardship.  |
| 11. reasonable    | k. A line between two countries, or areas inside countries.                       |
| 12. inflicted     | l. An action performed to convey one's feelings or intentions.                    |
| 13. gesture       | m. Fair.  |
| 14. suffering     | n. An action of giving someone money for something.                               |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A private Dutch railway company will compensate Holocaust victims. **T / F**
- b. The article said Germany invaded Holland in 1941. **T / F**
- c. The railway said it would pay hundreds of millions of euros. **T / F**
- d. The railway will pay up to 15,000 euros to each victim or direct family. **T / F**
- e. The company said it had no historical responsibility. **T / F**
- f. The railway company's trains took victims as far as the German border. **T / F**
- g. The company suggested the compensation amount was not enough. **T / F**
- h. The company recognized its role in the suffering of the victims. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>1. national</b>       | a. action    |
| <b>2. compensate</b>     | b. expelled  |
| <b>3. invaded</b>        | c. duty      |
| <b>4. deported</b>       | d. repay     |
| <b>5. victim</b>         | e. hardship  |
| <b>6. responsibility</b> | f. sensible  |
| <b>7. reasonable</b>     | g. state     |
| <b>8. suffering</b>      | h. sufferer  |
| <b>9. gesture</b>        | i. relations |
| <b>10. relatives</b>     | j. occupied  |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. Holland's national railway company is going | a. other minorities          |
| 2. The company is known                        | b. occupying forces          |
| 3. thousands of Jews and                       | c. euros to each victim      |
| 4. NS will pay tens of millions of euros to    | d. the border                |
| 5. pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000           | e. as NS                     |
| 6. payments were part of the company's         | f. of the company            |
| 7. take the victims to                         | g. to compensate victims     |
| 8. a black page in the history                 | h. on the victims            |
| 9. suffering inflicted                         | i. about 500 survivors       |
| 10. suffering inflicted by the                 | j. historical responsibility |

# GAP FILL

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

Holland's national railway company is going to compensate (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holocaust. World War II ended over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to give compensation to people who were taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as NS. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains transported (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of Jews and other minorities to Nazi death camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed and (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Seven decades later, NS will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their (7) \_\_\_\_\_ family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ victim.

*known*  
*pay*  
*thousands*  
*each*  
*victims*  
*direct*  
*decided*  
*deported*

The company said the payments were (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the company's historical responsibility. It said the company was paid by the Nazis to take the victims to the (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The victims were put on German trains and taken to concentration camps. A spokesman said this was "a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ page in the history of the company". He added: "There is no (12) \_\_\_\_\_ or appropriate amount of money that [we can pay to] compensate in any (13) \_\_\_\_\_ for the suffering inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments were "a moral (14) \_\_\_\_\_ ". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their direct (16) \_\_\_\_\_ relatives."

*reasonable*  
*border*  
*way*  
*surviving*  
*part*  
*share*  
*black*  
*gesture*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Holland's national railway company is going to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. compensated victims
  - b. compensate victims
  - c. compensates victims
  - d. compensation victims
- 2) camps on their trains. The company is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. knowing as NS
  - b. known as NS
  - c. know in as NS
  - d. know on as NS
- 3) NS trains transported thousands of Jews \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and other minorities
  - b. and another minorities
  - c. and others minorities
  - d. and the others minorities
- 4) most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and deport it
  - b. end deported
  - c. and deported
  - d. end deport it
- 5) pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their directly family
  - b. their directs family
  - c. their directed family
  - d. their direct family
- 6) The company said the payments were part of the company's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. historical responsibilities
  - b. historical response ability
  - c. history call responsibility
  - d. historical responsibility
- 7) It said the company was paid by the Nazis to take the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. victims to the border
  - b. victimize to the border
  - c. victims to the borders
  - d. victims to the bordered
- 8) A spokesman said this was a black page in the \_\_\_\_\_ company
  - a. history off the
  - b. this story on the
  - c. this story of the
  - d. history of the
- 9) money that we can pay to compensate in any way for the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. suffer in inflict it
  - b. suffers in inflicted
  - c. suffering inflict it
  - d. suffering inflicted
- 10) The committee said the payments were a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. moral jester
  - b. moral gesture
  - c. moral just your
  - d. moral guess chore

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Holland's national railway company is going (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holocaust. World War II ended over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has decided to give compensation to people (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company (3) \_\_\_\_\_ NS. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains transported thousands of Jews and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Nazi death camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed and deported. Seven decades later, NS will pay (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their direct family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The company said the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the company's historical responsibility. It said the company was paid by the Nazis to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to the border. The victims were put on German trains and taken to concentration camps. A spokesman said this was "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of the company". He added: "There is no reasonable or appropriate amount of money that [we can pay to] compensate in any way (10) \_\_\_\_\_ inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments were "(11) \_\_\_\_\_". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its share in the individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and their direct surviving relatives."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. When did the article say World War II ended?
2. What is the Dutch Railway company known as?
3. By the end of which year were there few Jews in Holland?
4. How much in total will the company pay in compensation?
5. What is the maximum amount the company will pay victims?
6. What did the company say the payments were part of?
7. What did the company call its historical actions?
8. What did the spokesman say there was no reasonable amount of?
9. What kind of gesture did the company call the payments?
10. Who did a spokesman say had inflicted suffering?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) When did the article say World War II ended?
  - a) 69 years ago
  - b) over 70 years ago
  - c) 72 years ago
  - d) decades ago
- 2) What is the Dutch Railway company known as?
  - a) HR
  - b) DR
  - c) RR
  - d) NS
- 3) By the end of which year were there few Jews in Holland?
  - a) 1945
  - b) 1942
  - c) 1943
  - d) 1944
- 4) How much in total will the company pay in compensation?
  - a) tens of millions of euros
  - b) hundreds of millions of euros
  - c) 100 million euros
  - d) 10 million euros
- 5) What is the maximum amount the company will pay victims?
  - a) 5,000 euros
  - b) 15,000 euros
  - c) 10,000 euros
  - d) 20,000 euros
- 6) What did the company say the payments were part of?
  - a) its historical responsibility
  - b) its financial responsibility
  - c) its moral responsibility
  - d) its railway responsibility
- 7) What did the company call its historical actions?
  - a) a moral chapter in its history
  - b) a chapter in its history
  - c) a black page in its history
  - d) a page in history books
- 8) What did the spokesman say there was no reasonable amount of?
  - a) money for compensation
  - b) apologies
  - c) suffering
  - d) time to apologize
- 9) What kind of gesture did the company call the payments?
  - a) a grand gesture
  - b) a kind gesture
  - c) a financial gesture
  - d) a moral gesture
- 10) Who did a spokesman say had inflicted suffering?
  - a) NS
  - b) navies
  - c) occupying forces
  - d) generals

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Prayer**

You think prayer is the best way to remember tragedy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a memorial day, a minute's silence or a school lesson.

## **Role B – A Memorial Day**

You think a memorial day is the best way to remember tragedy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): prayer, a minute's silence or a school lesson.

## **Role C – A Minute's Silence**

You think a minute's silence is the best way to remember tragedy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a memorial day, prayer or a school lesson.

## **Role D – School Lesson**

You think a school lesson is the best way to remember tragedy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their ways aren't as effective. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a memorial day, a minute's silence or prayer.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'victim' and 'relative'.

<b>victim</b>	<b>relative</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• going</li><li>• decided</li><li>• known</li><li>• other</li><li>• later</li><li>• each</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• part</li><li>• black</li><li>• amount</li><li>• way</li><li>• share</li><li>• forces</li></ul>
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# COMPENSATION SURVEY

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

# COMPENSATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'compensation'?
3. What do you know about the Holocaust?
4. Why has the compensation taken 70 years to come?
5. Should the railway company or the government pay?
6. Who else in World War II should receive compensation?
7. What other countries or companies should pay compensation?
8. What do you think of NS for paying the compensation?
9. What do you think about the compensation amount?
10. What advice do you have for the victims?

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# COMPENSATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'railway'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should compensation also be paid to victims of slave trades?
15. Should the company do anything else for the victims?
16. What other companies have black pages in their history?
17. Is a 'moral gesture' enough?
18. Should there be a time limit for paying compensation?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask NS bosses?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

Holland's national railway company is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to compensate victims of the Holocaust. World War II (2) \_\_\_\_\_ over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has decided to give compensation to people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ were taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company is known as NS. After Germany (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Holland in 1940, NS trains transported thousands of Jews and other minorities to Nazi death camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed and deported. Seven decades later, NS will pay tens (5) \_\_\_\_\_ millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their direct family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ victim.

The company said the payments were part of the company's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility. It said the company was paid by the Nazis to take the victims to the (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The victims were put on German trains and taken to concentration camps. A spokesman said this was "a black (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the history of the company". He added: "There is no reasonable or appropriate amount of money that [we can pay to] compensate in any (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for the suffering inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments were "a moral gesture". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their (12) \_\_\_\_\_ surviving relatives."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                |              |                  |
|-----|---------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) going     | (b) gone       | (c) goes     | (d) go           |
| 2.  | (a) ending    | (b) ends       | (c) ended    | (d) end          |
| 3.  | (a) whose     | (b) whom       | (c) who      | (d) which        |
| 4.  | (a) faded     | (b) pervaded   | (c) evaded   | (d) invaded      |
| 5.  | (a) by        | (b) on         | (c) of       | (d) for          |
| 6.  | (a) those     | (b) each       | (c) all      | (d) their        |
| 7.  | (a) historian | (b) historical | (c) history  | (d) historically |
| 8.  | (a) edge      | (b) border     | (c) rim      | (d) side         |
| 9.  | (a) mail      | (b) letter     | (c) page     | (d) contents     |
| 10. | (a) mean      | (b) low        | (c) high     | (d) way          |
| 11. | (a) shale     | (b) shave      | (c) shade    | (d) share        |
| 12. | (a) spoken    | (b) frank      | (c) non-stop | (d) direct       |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. vstciim of the Holocaust
2. thousands of Jews and other nestiimro
3. removed and eperdtod
4. seven aecdeds later
5. about 500 ruorvssiv
6. members of their tircde family

## Paragraph 2

7. the company's ihitcosral responsibility
8. take the victims to the robrde
9. There is no reasonable or proppirtaae amount
10. the payments were a moral seegutr
11. rfusiefng inflicted by the occupying forces
12. their direct surviving areilvets

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their direct surviving relatives."
- ( ) The company said the payments were part of the company's historical responsibility. It said the company was
- ( ) paid by the Nazis to take the victims to the border. The victims were put on German trains and
- ( ) camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed
- ( ) and deported. Seven decades later, NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members
- ( ) gesture". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its share in the individual suffering
- ( ) of their direct family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to each victim.
- ( ) way for the suffering inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments were "a moral
- ( ) people who were taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company is known
- ( ) reasonable or appropriate amount of money that [we can pay to] compensate in any
- ( ) taken to concentration camps. A spokesman said this was "a black page in the history of the company". He added: "There is no
- ( ) as NS. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains transported thousands of Jews and other minorities to Nazi death
- ( ) ended over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has decided to give compensation to
- ( **1** ) Holland's national railway company is going to compensate victims of the Holocaust. World War II

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. Dutch The railway to decided has give compensation .
2. were concentration to Nazi camps . who taken People
3. and of minorities . Jews other transported Trains thousands
4. in Netherlands Most Jews been removed . had the
5. will millions NS pay euros . of tens of
6. part company's Payments were of historical responsibility . the
7. were trains . German on put victims The
8. company's page black the in A history .
9. said were It moral payments gesture . the a
10. their Those relatives . direct involved and surviving

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Holland's national railway company is going to compensate *victim / victims* of the Holocaust. World War II *ended / ends* over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has *decision / decided* to give compensation to people who were *taken / taking* to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company is *knowing / known* as NS. After Germany *invasion / invaded* Holland in 1940, NS trains transported thousands of Jews and other minorities to Nazi *dead / death* camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been *removal / removed* and deported. Seven decades later, NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 *survivors / survives* and to members of their direct family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to *each / all* victim.

The company said the *payments / pays* were part of the company's historical responsibility. It said the company was paid by the Nazis to *take / taken* the victims to the *bordered / border*. The victims were put on German trains and taken to concentration *camp / camps*. A spokesman said this was "a black page *in / on* the history of the company". He added: "There is no reasonable or appropriate *volumes / amount* of money that [we can pay to] compensate *in many / any* way for the suffering inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments *were / was* "a moral gesture". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its *shave / share* in the individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those *involved / revolved* and their direct surviving relatives."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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

H\_l\_l\_n\_d 's n\_t\_\_n\_l r\_\_l\_w\_y c\_m\_p\_n\_y \_s g\_\_n\_g  
t\_ c\_m\_p\_n\_s\_t\_ v\_c\_t\_m\_s \_f th\_ H\_l\_c\_\_s\_t. W\_r\_l\_d  
W\_r I I \_n\_d\_d \_v\_r 70 y\_\_r\_s \_g\_, b\_t th\_ D\_t  
c\_h r\_\_l\_w\_y h\_s d\_c\_d\_d t\_ g\_v\_ c\_m\_p\_n\_s\_t\_\_n  
t\_ p\_\_p\_l\_ w\_h\_ w\_r\_ t\_k\_n t\_ N\_z\_ c\_n\_c\_n\_t\_r\_t\_\_n  
c\_m\_p\_s \_n th\_\_r t\_r\_\_n\_s. Th\_ c\_m\_p\_n\_y \_s k  
n\_w\_n \_s N\_S. A\_f\_t\_r G\_r\_m\_n\_y \_n\_v\_d\_d H\_l\_l\_n\_d  
\_n 1940, N\_S t\_r\_\_n\_s t\_r\_n\_s\_p\_r\_t\_d th\_\_s\_n\_d  
s \_f J\_w\_s \_n\_d \_t\_h\_r m\_n\_r\_t\_\_s t\_ N\_z\_ d\_\_th  
c\_m\_p\_s. B\_y th\_ \_n\_d \_f 1943, m\_s\_t J\_w\_s \_n  
th\_ N\_t\_h\_r\_l\_n\_d\_s h\_d b\_\_n r\_m\_v\_d \_n\_d d\_p\_r  
t\_d. S\_v\_n d\_c\_d\_s l\_t\_r, N\_S w\_l\_l p\_y t\_n\_s \_f  
m\_l\_l\_\_n\_s \_f \_\_r\_s t\_\_b\_\_t 500 s\_r\_v\_v\_r\_s \_n\_d  
t\_ m\_m\_b\_r\_s \_f th\_\_r d\_r\_c\_t f\_m\_l\_y. Th\_ c\_m  
p\_n\_y w\_l\_l p\_y b\_t\_w\_\_n 5,000 \_\_r\_s t\_ 15,  
000 \_\_r\_s t\_\_c\_h v\_c\_t\_m.

Th\_ c\_m\_p\_n\_y s\_\_d th\_ p\_y\_m\_n\_t\_s w\_r\_ p\_r\_t \_f  
th\_ c\_m\_p\_n\_y 's h\_s\_t\_r\_c\_l r\_s\_p\_n\_s\_b\_l\_t\_y. I\_t  
s\_\_d th\_ c\_m\_p\_n\_y w\_s p\_\_d b\_y th\_ N\_z\_s t\_  
t\_k\_ th\_ v\_c\_t\_m\_s t\_ th\_ b\_r\_d\_r. Th\_ v\_c\_t\_m\_s  
w\_r\_ p\_t \_n G\_r\_m\_n t\_r\_\_n\_s \_n\_d t\_k\_n t\_ c\_n  
c\_n\_t\_r\_t\_\_n c\_m\_p\_s. A\_s\_p\_k\_s\_m\_n s\_\_d th\_s  
w\_s "\_ b\_l\_c\_k p\_g\_\_n th\_ h\_s\_t\_r\_y \_f th\_ c\_m  
p\_n\_y". H\_\_d\_d\_d: "Th\_r\_\_s n\_r\_\_s\_n\_b\_l\_\_r \_p  
p\_r\_p\_r\_\_t\_ \_m\_\_n\_t \_f m\_n\_y th\_t [w\_ c\_n p\_y  
t\_] c\_m\_p\_n\_s\_t\_ \_n \_n\_y w\_y \_f\_r th\_ s\_f\_f\_r\_n\_g \_n  
f\_l\_c\_t\_d \_n th\_ v\_c\_t\_m\_s." Th\_ c\_m\_m\_t\_t\_\_ s\_\_d  
th\_ p\_y\_m\_n\_t\_s w\_r\_ "\_ m\_r\_l g\_s\_t\_r". I\_t \_d\_d\_d  
: "N\_S w\_s h\_s t\_ \_x\_p\_r\_s\_s th\_ r\_c\_g\_n\_t\_\_n \_f  
\_t\_s s\_h\_r\_\_n th\_ \_n\_d\_v\_d\_\_l s\_f\_f\_r\_n\_g \_n\_f\_l\_c  
t\_d b\_y th\_ \_c\_c\_p\_y\_n\_g f\_r\_c\_s \_n th\_s\_\_n\_v\_l\_v\_d  
\_n\_d th\_\_r d\_r\_c\_t s\_r\_v\_v\_n\_g r\_l\_t\_v\_s."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

hollands national railway company is going to compensate victims of the holocaust world war ii ended over 70 years ago but the dutch railway has decided to give compensation to people who were taken to nazi concentration camps on their trains the company is known as ns after germany invaded holland in 1940 ns trains transported thousands of jews and other minorities to nazi death camps by the end of 1943 most jews in the netherlands had been removed and deported seven decades later ns will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their direct family the company will pay between 5000 euros to 15000 euros to each victim

the company said the payments were part of the companys historical responsibility it said the company was paid by the nazis to take the victims to the border The victims were put on german trains and taken to concentration camps a spokesman said this was a black page in the history of the company he added there is no reasonable or appropriate amount of money that we can pay to compensate in any way for the suffering inflicted on the victims the committee said the payments were a moral gesture it added ns wishes to express the recognition of its share in the individual suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their direct surviving relatives

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Holland's national railway company is going to compensate victims of the Holocaust. World War II ended over 70 years ago, but the Dutch railway has decided to give compensation to people who were taken to Nazi concentration camps on their trains. The company is known as NS. After Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains transported thousands of Jews and other minorities to Nazi death camps. By the end of 1943, most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed and deported. Seven decades later, NS will pay tens of millions of euros to about 500 survivors and to members of their direct family. The company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros to each victim. The company said the payments were part of the company's historical responsibility. It said the company was paid by the Nazis to take the victims to the border. The victims were put on German trains and taken to concentration camps. A spokesman said this was "a black page in the history of the company". He added: "There is no reasonable or appropriate amount of money that [we can pay to] compensate in any way for the suffering inflicted on the victims." The committee said the payments were "a moral gesture". It added: "NS wishes to express the recognition of its share in the individuals suffering inflicted by the occupying forces on those involved and their direct surviving relatives."







# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. HOLOCAUST:** Make a poster about the Holocaust. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. COMPENSATION:** Write a magazine article about paying compensation to victims of past atrocities and injustices. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on compensation. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on paying compensation to victims of historic injustices. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. c    3. b    4. f    5. a    6. g    7. d  
8. n    9. h    10. k    11. m    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c F    d T    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. national       | a. state     |
| 2. compensate     | b. repay     |
| 3. invaded        | c. occupied  |
| 4. deported       | d. expelled  |
| 5. victim         | e. sufferer  |
| 6. responsibility | f. duty      |
| 7. reasonable     | g. sensible  |
| 8. suffering      | h. hardship  |
| 9. gesture        | i. action    |
| 10. relatives     | j. relations |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Over 70 years ago?
- NS
- 1943
- Tens of millions of euros
- 15,000 euros
- Its historical responsibility
- A black page in its history
- Money for compensation
- A moral gesture
- Occupying forces

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- The Dutch railway has decided to give compensation.
- People who were taken to Nazi concentration camps.
- Trains transported thousands of Jews and other minorities.
- Most Jews in the Netherlands had been removed.
- NS will pay tens of millions of euros.
- Payments were part of the company's historical responsibility.
- The victims were put on German trains.
- A black page in the company's history.
- It said the payments were a moral gesture.
- Those involved and their direct surviving relatives.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)