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**One billion dollars promised to rebuild Notre Dame – 19th April, 2019**

## **Level 0**

People gave one billion dollars to rebuild the 850-year-old Notre Dame cathedral. It was damaged in a fire. It is an important building. People gave hundreds of millions of dollars to help. France's president wants the rebuilding to be finished before the 2024 Paris Olympics. People say it could take over 20 years.

Some people giving money are billionaires, like the owner of Louis Vuitton. Computer giant Apple is giving money. It said: "We are heartbroken...Apple will be donating to...help restore Notre Dame...for future generations." Many people think it is better for the money to go to the world's poorer people.

## **Level 1**

People gave one billion dollars to rebuild Paris' 850-year-old Notre Dame cathedral. It was badly damaged in a fire. It is one of France's most important buildings. People from all over the world gave hundreds of millions of dollars to help. French president Emmanuel Macron said he would make sure the rebuilding would be finished within five years, in time for the 2024 Paris Olympics. Some architects say it could take 20 years or more.

Some of the people giving money are French billionaires, like the owner of Louis Vuitton. Computer giant Apple is giving money. It said: "We are heartbroken for...those around the world for whom Notre Dame is a symbol of hope....Apple will be donating to...help restore Notre Dame's precious heritage for future generations." Many people think the money would be better spent on helping the world's poorer people.

## **Level 2**

People donated over one billion dollars to rebuild Paris' Notre Dame cathedral. The 850-year-old cathedral was badly damaged in a fire. The UNESCO World Heritage site is one of France's most important buildings. Wealthy people from all over the world gave hundreds of millions of dollars to help the cathedral. French president Emmanuel Macron told the nation that he would make sure the rebuilding would be finished within five years. This would be in time for the 2024 Paris Olympics. However, some architects say it could take decades to rebuild the world-famous landmark.

Some of the donors giving money are French billionaires. They include the owners of the luxury brands Louis Vuitton. The French oil company Total is giving 100 million euros. Computer giant Apple will donate an unknown amount. Its CEO said: "We are heartbroken for...those around the world for whom Notre Dame is a symbol of hope....Apple will be donating to the rebuilding efforts to help restore Notre Dame's precious heritage for future generations." However, Many people think the money would be better spent on helping the world's poorer people.

## **Level 3**

People have donated over one billion dollars to help rebuild the Notre Dame cathedral in Paris. The 850-year-old cathedral was badly damaged in a fire on Monday. The UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the most important cultural buildings in France. Wealthy people from all over France and around the world have given hundreds of millions of dollars to help restore the cathedral to its former glory. French president Emmanuel Macron told the nation in a televised address that he would make sure the reconstruction would be finished within five years. This would be in time for the opening of the Paris Olympics in 2024. However, architects say it could take decades to rebuild the world-famous landmark.

Some of the donors that are handing over cash are French billionaires. They include the owners of the luxury brand Louis Vuitton and the cosmetic company L'Oreal. The French oil company Total is also pledging 100 million euros. Apple CEO Tim Cook tweeted that his company would donate an unspecified amount. He said: "We are heartbroken for the French people and those around the world for whom Notre Dame is a symbol of hope. Relieved that everyone is safe. Apple will be donating to the rebuilding efforts to help restore Notre Dame's precious heritage for future generations." However, many people are asking whether the money would be better spent on helping the world's poor.