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Level 2 – 30th June, 2019

Dutch railway to compensate Holocaust victims

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-2.html>

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

The company said the payments are the company's historical responsibility. The Nazis paid NS to take the victims to the border. German trains then took the victims to concentration camps. NS said this was "a black page in the history of the company". It added: "There is no reasonable...amount of money that can compensate...for the suffering inflicted on the victims." It said the payments were "a moral gesture". NS accepted its role 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>
<https://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Dutch-rail-company-to-pay-Holocaust-survivors-compensation-593836>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/holocaust-compensation-survivors-families-dutch-railway-ns-nazi-death-camps-a8977921.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. World War II ended | a. about 500 survivors |
| 2. people taken to Nazi concentration | b. pay |
| 3. thousands of Jews and other | c. later |
| 4. Seven decades | d. victim |
| 5. pay tens of millions of euros to | e. family |
| 6. members of their | f. camps |
| 7. The company will | g. 70 years ago |
| 8. 15,000 euros to each | h. minorities |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. the company's historical | a. of money |
| 2. took the victims to concentration | b. forces |
| 3. a black page in the history | c. camps |
| 4. There is no reasonable amount | d. relatives |
| 5. the suffering inflicted | e. gesture |
| 6. the payments were a moral | f. responsibility |
| 7. suffering inflicted by the occupying | g. on the victims |
| 8. their direct surviving | h. of the company |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-2.html>

Holland's railway company, NS, is (1) _____
Holocaust victims. World War II (2) _____ ago,
but Holland's railway has decided to compensate people taken to
Nazi concentration camps (3) _____. After
Germany invaded Holland in 1940, NS trains took thousands of Jews
and (4) _____ the death camps. By the end of
1943, most Jews in Holland had been removed. Seven decades
later, NS will pay tens of millions of euros to
(5) _____ and to members of their family. The
company will pay between 5,000 euros to 15,000 euros
(6) _____.

The company said the payments are (7) _____
responsibility. The Nazis paid NS to take (8) _____
the border. German trains then took the victims to concentration
camps. NS said this was "(9) _____ in the history
of the company". It added: "There is (10) _____ of
money that can compensate...for the suffering inflicted on the
victims." It said the payments were "(11) _____".
NS accepted its role in the "individual suffering inflicted by the
occupying forces (12) _____ and their direct
surviving relatives".

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) _____

WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1906/190630-compensation-2.html>

Write about **compensation** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
