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Level 0 – 19th December, 2018

Train drivers in UK earn more than pilots

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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/1812/181219-train-drivers-0.html>

Some London train drivers get paid more than pilots. The highest-paid drivers on London's Underground got \$130,000 last year. The basic salary is \$70,000 a year. This is twice the salary of a nurse. London's police officers start at \$28,000. London Underground train drivers also get eight weeks holiday a year.

Many people think the salaries are unfair because the job of a train driver is getting easier. Many drivers no longer have to drive trains. On automated trains, they only have to open and close the doors. A spokesman said their pay was for "professionalism". Thousands of passengers travel on the London 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. Some London | a. of a nurse |
| 2. get paid more | b. year |
| 3. The highest- | c. at \$28,000 |
| 4. got \$130,000 last | d. train drivers |
| 5. The basic salary is \$70,000 | e. holiday a year |
| 6. twice the salary | f. paid drivers |
| 7. police officers start | g. a year |
| 8. drivers also get eight weeks | h. than pilots |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. people think the salaries | a. professionalism |
| 2. the job of a train driver is | b. are unfair |
| 3. drivers no longer have | c. passengers |
| 4. On automated | d. the doors |
| 5. open and close | e. getting easier |
| 6. their pay was for | f. every day |
| 7. Thousands of | g. trains |
| 8. travel on the London Underground | h. to drive trains |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181219-train-drivers-0.html>

Some London train drivers (1) _____ than pilots.

The highest-(2) _____ London's Underground got

\$130,000 last year. The (3) _____ \$70,000 a

year. This is twice the (4) _____ nurse. London's

police (5) _____ \$28,000. London Underground

train drivers (6) _____ weeks holiday a year.

Many people (7) _____ are unfair because the job

of a train driver (8) _____. Many drivers no longer

(9) _____ trains. On automated trains, they only

have to (10) _____ the doors. A spokesman said

their (11) _____ "professionalism". Thousands of

passengers (12) _____ London 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) _____

