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Women-only train cars starting in Germany

31st March, 2016

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1603/160331-women-only-5.html>

A train company in Germany will start a women and children only service. The initiative for the separate carriages is to try to help women feel safer. There will be two special cars on all of the company's trains that run between Leipzig and Chemnitz. The carriages will be next to the one in which the train conductor is situated. The new carriages are causing quite a stir. People on social media say the move is a reaction to an increase in reports of sexual harassment and assault. Rail executives stress they just want to increase security for women and children.

Women-only carriages on trains are not new. There have been such cars on trains in many other countries for decades. In Japan, they were introduced in 1912. Last year there was a call from a politician in Britain to re-introduce such carriages. British trains used to have 'Ladies Only' carriages up until 1977. The politician's comments resulted in a backlash from female politicians. A female colleague said that while violence against women was a serious issue, women-only carriages were not the answer. She said the move would be, "turning the clock back and not tackling the problem".

Sources: <https://www.rt.com/news/337480-gender-segregation-germany/>
<http://www.mediaite.com/online/amid-fears-of-assault-from-migrants-german-train-offers-cars-just-for-women/>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The initiative for the separate | a. media |
| 2. There will be two | b. security |
| 3. the train | c. special cars |
| 4. causing quite a | d. and children |
| 5. social | e. stir |
| 6. an increase in reports of sexual | f. conductor |
| 7. they just want to increase | g. harassment |
| 8. women | h. carriages |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Women-only carriages on | a. were not the answer |
| 2. in many other countries | b. from a politician |
| 3. Last year there was a call | c. the problem |
| 4. The politician's comments resulted | d. for decades |
| 5. violence against women was | e. back |
| 6. women-only carriages | f. trains are not new |
| 7. turning the clock | g. in a backlash |
| 8. not tackling | h. a serious issue |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A train company in Germany (1) _____ women and children only service. The initiative (2) _____ carriages is to try to help women feel safer. There will be two special cars on all of the company's (3) _____ between Leipzig and Chemnitz. The carriages will be next to (4) _____ the train conductor is situated. The new carriages are causing quite a stir. People on social media say the move is a reaction (5) _____ reports of sexual harassment and assault. Rail executives stress they just want (6) _____ for women and children.

Women-only carriages on (7) _____. There have been such cars on trains (8) _____ countries for decades. In Japan, they were introduced in 1912. Last year there was a call from a politician in Britain to re-introduce (9) _____. British trains used to have 'Ladies Only' carriages up until 1977. The politician's comments resulted in a backlash from female politicians. A (10) _____ said that while violence against women was (11) _____, women-only carriages were not the answer. She said the move would be, "turning the clock back and (12) _____ problem".

WOMEN-ONLY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about women-only trains 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

