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Train drivers in UK earn more than pilots

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THE ARTICLE

Newspapers in England are reporting that subway train drivers get paid more than pilots, doctors, police officers and nurses. The Sunday Times newspaper reports that the three highest-paid drivers on the London Underground earned $130,000 last year. This included overtime, bonuses and pension payments. It is a 69 per cent rise in pay since 2012. Journalists say the basic salary of a train driver is $70,000 a year. This is double the average wage of a nurse in London and more than what many airline pilots earn. The newspaper reports that police officers in London have a starting salary of $28,000. In addition to their pay, London Underground train drivers get over eight weeks paid holiday a year.

Many people think the high salaries train drivers get are unfair. James Roberts of the Tax-Payers' Alliance said: "These salaries are totally [wrong]....Increasingly, the role of a [subway train] driver is getting easier." He said that many train drivers no longer have to drive the trains because many train lines are fully automated. He said drivers on automated train lines only have to open and close train doors. He was also surprised the drivers were going on strike for more pay. A train drivers' spokesman said their pay was for, "the professionalism, and expertise...of delivering a professional public service for hundreds of thousands of passengers travelling on the Underground...every day."

WARM-UPS

1. TRAIN DRIVERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about train drivers. 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?

newspapers / train drivers / police officers / overtime / journalists / average / holiday salaries / unfair / automated / train doors / go on strike / professionalism / passenger

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

3. NURSES: Students A **strongly** believe nurses should get a higher salary than train drivers; Students B **strongly** believe train drivers should get a higher salary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SALARIES: What kind of salaries should these people get each year? Why? What is easy and difficult about their job? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Salary	**Why**	**Easy**	**Difficult**
Train driver				
Police officer				
Teacher				
Astronaut				
Nurse				
Builder				

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

6. JOBS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Train driver
- President
- Teacher
- Doctor
- Artist
- Movie reviewer
- Soccer player
- Model

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	reporting	a.	An extra amount of money given to workers fir doing good work (usually paid once a year).
2.	earned	b.	The money the government gives you each month after you retire (finish working).
3.	overtime	c.	Talking or writing about an event or subject in the news (as a journalist).
4.	bonus	d.	The amount of money a worker gets in his/her job each month or year.
5.	pension	e.	Receive money for doing a job or for doing work.
6.	double	f.	Money or payment for time worked over one's regular working hours.
7.	salary	g.	Twice (two times) the usual amount, size, quantity, or strength.

Paragraph 2

8.	unfair	h.	A traveler on a bus, plane, train, or in a taxi, etc. but not the driver, pilot, or crew.
9.	role	i.	Not being equal for everyone.
10.	fully	j.	The function or part played by a person or thing in a particular situation.
11.	automated	k.	A situation when workers stop working to try and get more money or better conditions from their boss(es).
12.	strike	l.	A process or system that works because of computers and without the help of humans.
13.	expertise	m.	Completely or entirely; to the furthest extent.
14.	passenger	n.	Having a lot of skill or knowledge in something.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

a. Newspapers say subway train drivers get more pay than pilots and doctors. **T / F**

b. The highest-paid subway drivers in London get over $125,000 a year.   **T / F**

c. A basic subway train driver's salary is double the average for a nurse.   **T / F**

d. London subway train drivers get six weeks vacation a year.   **T / F**

e. The job of a subway train driver is becoming more difficult.   **T / F**

f. There are still no automated train lines in London.   **T / F**

g. London subway train drivers are going on strike for higher pay.   **T / F**

h. Over a million passengers use the London Underground every day.   **T / F**

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

1.	**reporting**	a.	get
2.	**rise**	b.	shocked
3.	**earn**	c.	plus
4.	**in addition**	d.	undeserved
5.	**holiday**	e.	travellers
6.	**unfair**	f.	increase
7.	**fully**	g.	skill
8.	**surprised**	h.	vacation
9.	**expertise**	i.	writing about
10.	**passengers**	j.	completely

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

1.	train drivers get paid	a.	holiday a year
2.	the three highest-	b.	for more pay
3.	This is double the average wage	c.	expertise
4.	In addition	d.	paid drivers
5.	over eight weeks paid	e.	automated
6.	the role of a subway train driver is	f.	more than pilots
7.	many train lines are fully	g.	of passengers
8.	the drivers were going on strike	h.	to their pay
9.	professionalism and	i.	getting easier
10.	hundreds of thousands	j.	of a nurse

GAP FILL

Newspapers in England are reporting that subway train drivers get (1) _____ more than pilots, doctors, police officers and nurses. The Sunday Times newspaper (2) _____ that the three highest-paid drivers on the London Underground earned $130,000 last year. This included overtime, (3) _____ and pension payments. It is a 69 per cent rise in pay since 2012. Journalists say the (4) _____ salary of a train driver is $70,000 a year. This is (5) _____ the average wage of a nurse in London and more than what many airline pilots earn. The newspaper reports that police (6) _____ in London have a starting salary of $28,000. In (7) _____ to their pay, London Underground train drivers get (8) _____ eight weeks paid holiday a year.

double

reports

addition

paid

over

basic

officers

bonuses

Many people think the high salaries train drivers get are (9) _____. James Roberts of the Tax-Payers' Alliance said: "These salaries are (10) _____ [wrong]....Increasingly, the (11) _____ of a [subway train] driver is getting (12) _____." He said that many train drivers no longer have to drive the trains because many train lines are fully (13) _____. He said drivers on automated train lines only have to open and close train doors. He was also (14) _____ the drivers were going on strike for more pay. A train drivers' spokesman said their pay was for, "the professionalism, and (15) _____...of delivering a professional public (16) _____ for hundreds of thousands of passengers travelling on the Underground...every day."

surprised

unfair

easier

service

totally

expertise

automated

role

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1) Newspapers in England are reporting that subway train drivers _____
   a. get paid amore
   b. get pay more
   c. gets paid more
   d. get paid more

2) the three highest-paid drivers on the London Underground earned $130,000 _____
   a. lasts year
   b. lasts a year
   c. last year
   d. lastly year

3) This included overtime, bonuses and _____
   a. pension payments
   b. pensions payments
   c. pension payment
   d. pension pay meant

4) The newspaper reports that police officers in London _____ salary
   a. have a start in
   b. have a starting
   c. have a star thing
   d. have the star thing

5) London Underground train drivers get over eight weeks paid _____
   a. holy day a year
   b. holly day a year
   c. holiday a year
   d. whole day a year

6) Many people think the high salaries train drivers _____
   a. get are run fair
   b. get are run fare
   c. get an un far
   d. get are unfair

7) Increasingly, the role of a subway train driver _____
   a. is getting easier
   b. is get in easier
   c. is getting easy are
   d. is gotten easier

8) no longer have to drive the trains because many train lines are _____
   a. fully auto mate it
   b. fully automate it
   c. fully automated
   d. fully or tomato it

9) He was also surprised the drivers were going on _____ pay
   a. strike for more
   b. strike four more
   c. strike far more
   d. strike form ore

10) delivering a professional public service for hundreds of thousands _____
   a. of passenger
   b. off passengers
   c. of passengers
   d. off passenger

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

Newspapers in England (1) _____ subway train drivers get paid more than pilots, doctors, police officers and nurses. The Sunday Times newspaper reports (2) _____ highest-paid drivers on the London Underground earned $130,000 last year. This included overtime, (3) _____ payments. It is a 69 per cent rise in pay since 2012. Journalists say the (4) _____ a train driver is $70,000 a year. This is double the average wage of a nurse in London and more than what many (5) _____. The newspaper reports that police officers in London have a starting salary of $28,000. In addition to their pay, London Underground train drivers get over eight weeks (6) _____ year.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Who (or what) is reporting that subway train drivers get a high salary?

2. How many train drivers earned $130,000 last year?

3. What did the $130,000 include, besides pension payments and bonuses?

4. What is the average wage of a nurse in London?

5. How many weeks holiday do London Underground train drivers get?

6. What do many people think of the train drivers' salaries?

7. What did James Roberts say the role of a train driver was becoming?

8. What is happening to train lines in London?

9. Why are train drivers going on strike?

10. How many passengers use the London Underground each day?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) Who (or what) is reporting that subway train drivers get a high salary?
a) the Internet
b) a train company boss
c) newspapers
d) a passenger

2) How many train drivers earned $130,000 last year?
a) 3
b) 4
c) 5
d) 6

3) What did the $130,000 include, besides pension payments and bonuses?
a) overtime
b) loans
c) lunch
d) holiday pay

4) What is the average wage of a nurse in London?
a) $70,000
b) $35,000
c) $105,000
d) $140,000

5) How many weeks holiday do London Underground train drivers get?
a) 5
b) 6
c) 7
d) 8

6) What do many people think of the train drivers' salaries?
a) they are OK
b) they are unfair
c) they should be halved
d) they should stay the same

7) What did James Roberts say the role of a train driver was becoming?
a) easier
b) more dangerous
c) like a robot's work
d) faster

8) What is happening to train lines in London?
a) they are breaking
b) they are being replaced
c) they are becoming automated
d) they are expanding

9) Why are train drivers going on strike?
a) for nicer uniforms
b) for longer holidays
c) for faster trains
d) for more pay

10) How many passengers use the London Underground each day?
a) hundreds of thousands
b) hundreds of millions
c) tens of thousands
d) millions and billions

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Train Driver

You think a train driver has the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): teacher, artist or model.

Role B – Teacher

You think a teacher has the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): train driver, artist or model.

Role C – Artist

You think an artist has the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): teacher, train driver or model.

Role D – Model

You think a model has the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): teacher, artist or train driver.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

train	driver

- 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:

• reporting	• think
• three	• totally
• 69	• longer
• 70,000	• open
• starting	• strike
• eight	• day

TRAIN DRIVERS SURVEY

From   https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181219-train-drivers.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.

TRAIN DRIVERS 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 'train'?

3. What do you think of being a train driver?

4. What are the dangers of being a train driver?

5. Would you rather be a train driver or a pilot?

6. Why should train drivers get a bigger salary than pilots?

7. What are the bad things about being a train driver?

8. What do you think of $130,000 for a train driver?

9. Should a nurse be paid more than train drivers?

10. What do you think of a job with eight weeks holiday?

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TRAIN DRIVERS 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 'salary'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. What are the good things about being a train driver?

15. Is it better to be a subway or over-ground train driver?

16. Could robots replace train drivers in the future?

17. What do you think of workers going on strike?

18. What expertise do train drivers have?

19. Would you like to be a train driver?

20. What questions would you like to ask train drivers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)</u>

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)</u>

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

Newspapers in England are reporting that subway train drivers get (1) _____ more than pilots, doctors, police officers and nurses. The Sunday Times newspaper reports that the three highest-paid drivers on the London Underground (2) _____ $130,000 last year. This included overtime, (3) _____ and pension payments. It is a 69 per cent rise in pay since 2012. Journalists say the basic salary of a train driver is $70,000 (4) _____ year. This is double the average wage of a nurse in London and more than what many airline pilots earn. The newspaper reports that police officers in London have a (5) _____ salary of $28,000. In addition to their pay, London Underground train drivers get over eight weeks paid holiday a (6) _____.

Many people think the high salaries train drivers get are (7) _____. James Roberts of the Tax-Payers' Alliance said: "These salaries are totally [wrong]....Increasingly, the role (8) _____ a [subway train] driver is getting easier." He said that many train drivers no longer have to drive the trains because many train (9) _____ are fully automated. He said drivers on automated train lines only have to open and close train doors. He was also surprised the drivers were going (10) _____ strike for more pay. A train drivers' spokesman said their pay was for, "the professionalism, and expertise... (11) _____ delivering a professional public service for hundreds of thousands of passengers travelling on the Underground... (12) _____ day."

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

1.	(a)	pay	(b)	paid	(c)	paying	(d)	payee
2.	(a)	earnings	(b)	earner	(c)	earning	(d)	earned
3.	(a)	bones	(b)	bonuses	(c)	bonnets	(d)	bonito
4.	(a)	the	(b)	pre	(c)	a	(d)	post
5.	(a)	starting	(b)	start	(c)	starters	(d)	started
6.	(a)	year	(b)	annual	(c)	months	(d)	annum
7.	(a)	fearless	(b)	freer	(c)	unify	(d)	unfair
8.	(a)	of	(b)	at	(c)	on	(d)	by
9.	(a)	squares	(b)	lines	(c)	blocks	(d)	circles
10.	(a)	in	(b)	at	(c)	on	(d)	up
11.	(a)	by	(b)	on	(c)	of	(d)	at
12.	(a)	one	(b)	every	(c)	most	(d)	whole

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. doctors, police <u>ofrisefc</u> and nurses

2. <u>nraeed</u> $130,000 last year

3. bonuses and <u>osnnepi</u> payments

4. the <u>icasb</u> salary of a train driver

5. double the <u>eveagra</u> wage

6. In <u>dionidta</u> to their pay

Paragraph 2

7. these salaries are <u>ttlolya</u> wrong

8. on <u>utotaaemd</u> train lines

9. A train drivers' <u>kspnasemo</u>

10. the professionalism and <u>resepxtie</u>

11. a <u>sraeponiofsl</u> public service

12. thousands of <u>sapneesgrs</u>

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

(   )   easier." He said that many train drivers no longer have to drive the trains because many train

(   )   Many people think the high salaries train drivers get are unfair. James Roberts of the Tax-Payers' Alliance said:

(   )   double the average wage of a nurse in London and more than what many airline pilots earn. The newspaper

(   )   to their pay, London Underground train drivers get over eight weeks paid holiday a year.

(**_1_**)   Newspapers in England are reporting that subway train drivers get paid more than pilots, doctors, police

(   )   officers and nurses. The Sunday Times newspaper reports that the three highest-paid drivers on the London Underground

(   )   doors. He was also surprised the drivers were going on strike for more pay. A train drivers' spokesman said their pay was

(   )   service for hundreds of thousands of passengers travelling on the Underground...every day."

(   )   "These salaries are totally [wrong]....Increasingly, the role of a [subway train] driver is getting

(   )   rise in pay since 2012. Journalists say the basic salary of a train driver is $70,000 a year. This is

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(   )   for, "the professionalism, and expertise...of delivering a professional public

(   )   lines are fully automated. He said drivers on automated train lines only have to open and close train

(   )   reports that police officers in London have a starting salary of $28,000. In addition

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1.   more   pilots   .   train   get   drivers   than   Subway   paid

2.   pay   69%   rise   in   a   2012   .   It's   since

3.   salary   a   driver $70,000   .   basic   of   is   The

4.   of   This   average   the   nurses   .   double   is   wage

5.   holiday   get   weeks   a   paid   Drivers   year   .   eight

6.   high   train   are   unfair   .   drivers   get   salaries   The

7.   longer   no   have   trains   .   drivers   to   drive   Train

8.   now   Many   lines   fully   automated   .   train   are

9.   strike   more   on   pay   .   going   were   for   Drivers

10.   for   professional   public   of   hundreds   thousands   .   service   A

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

Newspapers in England are *reported / reporting* that subway train drivers get paid more than pilots, doctors, police officers and nurses. The Sunday Times newspaper reports *then / that* the three highest-paid drivers on the London Underground earned $130,000 last year. This *inclusive / included* overtime, bonuses and *pension / person* payments. It is a 69 per cent rise in pay since 2012. Journalists say the *basically / basic* salary of a train driver is $70,000 a year. This is *double / doubtful* the average wage of a nurse in London and more than what *much / many* airline pilots earn. The newspaper reports that police officers in London have a *starting / started* salary of $28,000. In addition to their pay, London Underground train drivers get over eight weeks *paid / pay* holiday a year.

Many people think the high salaries train drivers get are *unfairly / unfair*. James Roberts of the Tax-Payers' Alliance said: "These *salary / salaries* are totally [wrong]....Increasingly, the *role / roll* of a [subway train] driver is getting easier." He said that many train drivers *not / no* longer have to drive the trains because many train lines are *fully / full* automated. He said drivers on automated train lines *only / once* have to open and close train doors. He was also surprised the drivers were going *on / in* strike for more pay. A train drivers' spokesman said their pay *was / were* for, "the professionalism, and expertise...of delivering a *professionally / professional* public service for hundreds of thousands of passengers *travelled / travelling* on the Underground...every day."

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)

N_w s p_p_r s _n   E n g l_n d _r_ r_p_r t_n g   t h_t   s_b w_y t r_ _ n d r_v_r s   g_t   p_ _ d m_r_ t h_n   p_l_t s , d_c t_r s ,   p_l_c_ _f f_c_r s _n d   n_r s_s .   T h_ S_n d_y T_m_s n_w s p_p_r r_p_r t s t h_t t h_ t h r_ _ h_g h_s t - p_ _ d d r_v_r s _n t h_ L_n d_n U n d_r g r_ _ n d _ _ r n_d $ 1 3 0 , 0 0 0 l_s t y_ _ r . T h_s _n c l_d_d _v_r t_m_, b_n_s_s _n d   p_n s_ _ n p_y m_n t s . I t _s _ 6 9 p_r c_n t r_s_ _n p_y s_n c_ 2 0 1 2 . J_ _ r n_l_s t s s_y t h_ b_s_c s_l_r y _f _ t r_ _ n d r_v_r _s $ 7 0 , 0 0 0 _ y_ _ r . T h_s _s d_ _ b l_ t h_ _v_r_g_ w_g_ _f _ n_r s_ _n L_n d_n _n d m_r_ t h_n w h_t m_n y _ _ r l_n_ p_l_t s _ _ r n . T h_ n_w s p_p_r r_p_r t s t h_t p_l_c_ _f f_c_r s _n L_n d_n h_v_ _ s t_r t_n g s_l_r y _f $ 2 8 , 0 0 0 . I n _d d_t_ _ n t_ t h_ _ r p_y , L_n d_n U n d_r g r_ _ n d t r_ _ n d r_v_r s g_t _v_r _ _ g h t w_ _ k s p_ _ d h_l_d_y _ y_ _ r .

M_n y p_ _ p l_ t h_n k t h_ h_g h s_l_r_ _ s t r_ _ n d r_v_r s g_t _r_ _n f_ _ r . J_m_s R_b_r t s _f t h_ T_x - P_y_r s ' A l l_ _ n c_ s_ _ d :   " T h_s_ s_l_r_ _ s _r_ t_t_l l y [w r_n g] . . . . I n c r_ _ s_n g l y , t h_ r_l_ _f _ [s_b w_y t r_ _ n] d r_v_r _s g_t t_n g _ _ s_ _ r . " H_ s_ _ d t h_t m_n y t r_ _ n d r_v_r s n_ l_n g_r h_v_ t_ d r_v_ t h_ t r_ _ n s b_c_ _ s_ m_n y t r_ _ n l_n_s _r_ f_l l y _ _ t_m_t_d . H_ s_ _ d d r_v_r s _n _ _ t_m_t_d t r_ _ n l_n_s _n l y h_v_ t_ _p_n _n d c l_s_ t r_ _ n d_ _ r s . H_ w_s _l s_ s_r p r_s_d t h_ d r_v_r s w_r_ g_ _ n g _n s t r_k_ f_r m_r_ p_y . A t r_ _ n d r_v_r s ' s p_k_s m_n s_ _ d t h_ _ r p_y w_s f_r , " t h_ p r_f_s s_ _ n_l_s m , _n d _x p_r t_s_ . . . _f d_l_v_r_n g _ p r_f_s s_ _ n_l p_b l_c s_r v_c_ f_r h_n d r_d s _f t h_ _ s_n d s _f p_s s_n g_r s t r_v_l l_n g _n t h_ U n d_r g r_ _ n d . . . ._v_r y d_y . "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

newspapers in england are reporting that subway train drivers get paid more than pilots doctors police officers and nurses the sunday times newspaper reports that the three highest paid drivers on the london underground earned 130000 last year this included overtime bonuses and pension payments it is a 69 per cent rise in pay since 2012 journalists say the basic salary of a train driver is 70000 a year this is double the average wage of a nurse in london and more than what many airline pilots earn the newspaper reports that police officers in london have a starting salary of 28000 in addition to their pay london underground train drivers get over eight weeks paid holiday a year

many people think the high salaries train drivers get are unfair james roberts of the taxpayers alliance said these salaries are totally wrong increasingly the role of a subway train driver is getting easier he said that many train drivers no longer have to drive the trains because many train lines are fully automated he said drivers on automated train lines only have to open and close train doors he was also surprised the drivers were going on strike for more pay a train drivers spokesman said their pay was for the professionalism and expertise of delivering a professional public service for hundreds of thousands of passengers travelling on the underground every day"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

NewspapersinEnglandarereportingthatsubwaytraindriversgetpaid morethanpilots,doctors,policeofficersandnurses.TheSundayTimesn ewspaperreportsthatthethreehighest-paiddriversontheLondonUn dergroundearned$130,000lastyear.Thisincludedovertime,bonuses andpensionpayments.Itisa69percentriseinpaysince2012.Journalist ssaythebasicsalaryofatraindriveris$70,000ayear.Thisisdoubletheav eragewageofanurseinLondonandmorethanwhatmanyairlinepilotsea rn.ThenewspaperreportsthatpoliceofficersinLondonhaveastartings alaryof$28,000.Inadditiontotheirpay,LondonUndergroundtraindriv ersgetovereightweekspaidholidayayear.Manypeoplethinkthehighsa lariestraindriversgetareunfair.JamesRobertsoftheTax-Payers'Allia ncesaid:"Thesesalariesaretotally[wrong]....Increasingly,theroleofa [subwaytrain]driverisgettingeasier."Hesaidthatmanytraindriversno longerhavetodrivethetrainsbecausemanytrainlinesarefullyautomat ed.Hesaiddriversonautomatedtrainlinesonlyhavetoopenandcloset raindoors.Hewasalsosurprisedthedriverweregoingonstrikeformore pay.Atraindrivers'spokesmansaidtheirpaywasfor,"theprofessionalis m,andexpertise...ofdeliveringaprofessionalpublicserviceforhundre dsofthousandsofpassengerstravellingontheUnderground...everyda y."

FREE WRITING

Write about **train drivers** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

Nurses should be paid more than train drivers. Discuss.

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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. TRAIN DRIVERS: Make a poster about train drivers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PAY: Write a magazine article about everyone in a country getting the same pay. 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 train drivers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on pay. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1.	reporting	a.	writing about
2.	rise	b.	increase
3.	earn	c.	get
4.	in addition	d.	plus
5.	holiday	e.	vacation
6.	unfair	f.	undeserved
7.	fully	g.	completely
8.	surprised	h.	shocked
9.	expertise	i.	skill
10.	passengers	j.	travellers

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Newspapers
2. Three
3. Overtime
4. $35,000 (half that of a train driver)
5. Eight weeks
6. They think its unfair
7. Easier
8. They are becoming automated
9. For more pay
10. Hundreds of thousands

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Subway train drivers get paid more than pilots.
2. It's a 69% rise in pay since 2012.
3. The basic salary of a driver is $70,000.
4. This is double the average wage of nurses.
5. Drivers get eight weeks paid holiday a year.
6. The high salaries train drivers get are unfair.
7. Train drivers no longer have to drive trains.
8. Many train lines are now fully automated.
9. Drivers were going on strike for more pay.
10. A professional public service for hundreds of thousands.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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