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Level 1

Japanese tourists call police over rip-off restaurant bill

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-1.html>

Four Japanese tourists are angry because a restaurant in Venice charged them \$1,350 for a steak dinner. The four tourists say they were ripped off (overcharged) for their steak. They were students on a day trip to Venice. The police and Venice's mayor are contacting the restaurant. The mayor promised to take action. He said: "If this [shocking] episode is [true], we'll do all we can to punish those responsible. We are for justice - always."

Tourists often get overcharged. People in Venice are worried about this news. There have been many similar cases recently of rip-off prices in Venice. One person tweeted that the restaurant is harming the good name of Venice. The restaurant has a 1.5 (out of 5) rating on a travel website. Around 83 per cent of the site's visitors gave it a "Terrible" rating. One person complained about average food, bad service and "hidden fees" of almost \$60 in taxes and tips.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/venice-restaurant-bill-charge-meal-tourists-police-osteria-da-luca-st-marks-square-a8172426.html>
<http://www.euronews.com/2018/01/22/venice-s-mayor-pledges-action-over-1-100-dinner-bill>
<http://metro.co.uk/2018/01/22/students-rang-police-given-1000-bill-restaurant-venice-7250997/>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. charged them \$1,350 | a. take action |
| 2. they were ripped off | b. for a steak dinner |
| 3. They were students on a day | c. justice |
| 4. contacting the | d. trip to Venice |
| 5. The mayor promised to | e. responsible |
| 6. we'll do all | f. restaurant |
| 7. punish those | g. (overcharged) |
| 8. We are for | h. we can |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Tourists often get | a. average food |
| 2. rip- | b. (out of 5) rating |
| 3. the restaurant is harming the good | c. taxes and tips |
| 4. The restaurant has a 1.5 | d. off prices |
| 5. Around 83 per cent of the site's | e. and "hidden fees" |
| 6. One person complained about | f. name of Venice |
| 7. bad service | g. visitors |
| 8. almost \$60 in | h. overcharged |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-1.html>

Four Japanese (1) _____ because a restaurant in Venice charged them \$1,350 for (2) _____.

The four tourists say they (3) _____ (overcharged) for their steak. They were students on (4) _____ to Venice. The police and Venice's mayor are contacting the restaurant. The mayor promised (5) _____. He said: "If this [shocking] episode is [true], we'll do all we can to punish those responsible. We (6) _____ - always."

(7) _____ overcharged. People in Venice are worried about this news. There have (8) _____ cases recently of (9) _____ in Venice. One person tweeted that the restaurant is harming the good name of Venice. The restaurant has a 1.5 (out of 5) (10) _____ travel website. Around 83 per cent (11) _____ visitors gave it a "Terrible" rating. One person complained about average food, bad service and (12) _____ almost \$60 in taxes and tips.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RIP-OFF PRICES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1801/180124-rip-off-restaurant-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about rip-off prices 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) _____

