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Train drivers in UK earn more than pilots

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181219-train-drivers-1.html>

Some London subway train drivers get paid more than pilots. A newspaper said the highest-paid drivers on the London Underground got \$130,000 last year. This included overtime, bonuses and pension payments. The basic salary is \$70,000 a year. This is double the average wage of a nurse. London's police officers get a starting salary of \$28,000. London Underground train drivers also get over eight weeks holiday a year.

Many people think the salaries are unfair. A group said: "These salaries are totally [wrong]...the role of a subway train driver is getting easier." Many train drivers no longer have to drive trains. On automated trains, drivers only have to open and close the doors. The drivers are going on strike for more pay. A spokesman said the pay was for "professionalism and expertise". Hundreds of 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1812/181219-train-drivers-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. train drivers get paid more | a. salary of \$28,000 |
| 2. the highest- | b. payments |
| 3. This included | c. eight weeks holiday |
| 4. pension | d. paid drivers |
| 5. The basic salary is | e. of a nurse |
| 6. double the average wage | f. overtime |
| 7. police officers get a starting | g. \$70,000 a year |
| 8. train drivers also get over | h. than pilots |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Many people think the | a. to drive trains |
| 2. the role of a subway train | b. thousands of passengers |
| 3. drivers no longer have | c. on strike for more pay |
| 4. drivers only have to open | d. driver is getting easier |
| 5. The drivers are going | e. Underground every day |
| 6. the pay was for | f. and close the doors |
| 7. Hundreds of | g. salaries are unfair |
| 8. travel on the London | h. professionalism |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Some London subway train drivers (1) _____ than pilots. A newspaper said (2) _____ drivers on the London Underground got \$130,000 last year. This included overtime, (3) _____ payments. The basic salary is \$70,000 a year. This (4) _____ average wage of a nurse. London's police officers (5) _____ salary of \$28,000. London Underground train drivers also get over eight weeks (6) _____.

Many people think the (7) _____. A group said: "These salaries are totally [wrong]... (8) _____ a subway train driver (9) _____." Many train drivers no longer have to drive trains. On automated trains, drivers only have (10) _____ close the doors. The drivers are going on (11) _____ pay. A spokesman said the pay was for "professionalism and expertise". Hundreds of 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) _____

