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Level 2 – 19th April, 2019

One billion dollars promised to rebuild Notre Dame

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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People donated over one billion dollars to rebuild Paris' Notre Dame cathedral. The 850-year-old cathedral was badly damaged in a fire. The UNESCO World Heritage site is one of France's most important buildings. Wealthy people from all over the world gave hundreds of millions of dollars to help the cathedral. French president Emmanuel Macron told the nation that he would make sure the rebuilding would be finished within five years. This would be in time for the 2024 Paris Olympics. However, some architects say it could take decades to rebuild the world-famous landmark.

Some of the donors giving money are French billionaires. They include the owners of the luxury brands Louis Vuitton. The French oil company Total is giving 100 million euros. Computer giant Apple will donate an unknown amount. Its CEO said: "We are heartbroken for...those around the world for whom Notre Dame is a symbol of hope....Apple will be donating to the rebuilding efforts to help restore Notre Dame's precious heritage for future generations." However, many people think the money would be better spent on helping the world's poorer people.

Sources: <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/skbaer/notre-dame-fire-rebuild-pinault-donation-french-billionaire>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. People donated | a. important buildings |
| 2. badly damaged | b. decades |
| 3. one of France's most | c. within five years |
| 4. hundreds of millions | d. famous landmark |
| 5. finished | e. 2024 Paris Olympics |
| 6. be in time for the | f. in a fire |
| 7. some architects say it could take | g. over one billion dollars |
| 8. rebuild the world- | h. of dollars |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Some of the donors | a. generations |
| 2. owners of the luxury | b. amount |
| 3. Computer giant | c. around the world |
| 4. donate an unknown | d. world's poorer people |
| 5. We are heartbroken for those | e. heritage |
| 6. Notre Dame's precious | f. giving money |
| 7. for future | g. Apple |
| 8. helping the | h. brands |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People donated (1) _____ dollars to rebuild Paris' Notre Dame cathedral. The 850-year-old cathedral (2) _____ in a fire. The UNESCO World Heritage site is one of France's (3) _____. Wealthy people from all over the world gave hundreds of millions of dollars to (4) _____. French president Emmanuel Macron told the nation that he would make sure the rebuilding (5) _____ within five years. This would be in time for the 2024 Paris Olympics. However, some architects say it could take decades to rebuild the (6) _____.

Some of the (7) _____ are French billionaires. They include the owners of (8) _____ Louis Vuitton. The French oil company Total is giving 100 million euros. Computer giant Apple will donate (9) _____. Its CEO said: "We are heartbroken for...those around the world for whom Notre Dame is a (10) _____....Apple will be donating to the rebuilding efforts to help restore Notre Dame's (11) _____ future generations." However, many people think the money would be better (12) _____ the world's poorer people.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NOTRE DAME SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1904/190419-notre-dame-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Notre Dame 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) _____

