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**Level 4 – 11th May, 2019**

## **Online store slammed for selling Auschwitz skirts**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190511-auschwitz-4.html>

A website is being criticized for selling items with images of Auschwitz - the Nazi concentration camp. The site apologized for selling skirts and other products and is taking "immediate action to remove" them. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum called this "disturbing and disrespectful". It questioned the acceptability of using such images. It called Auschwitz, "a place of enormous human tragedy where over 1.1 million people were murdered."

Over 1.3 million people were sent to Auschwitz in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Around 1.1 million of them were killed. Over 90% were Jews. Poles, Romani and Russian prisoners of war also died, mostly in the gas chambers. Others died of starvation, hard labor and disease. The site said it, "takes a strong stance against...the atrocities committed". A Twitter user said it was, "disrespectful to the memories of those murdered by the Nazis".

Sources: <https://www.snopes.com/ap/2019/05/08/auschwitz-museum-protests-camp-photos-on-skirts-and-pillows/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190511-auschwitz-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A website is                       | a. using such images  |
| 2. selling items with images          | b. for selling skirts |
| 3. the Nazi concentration             | c. were murdered      |
| 4. The site apologized                | d. camp               |
| 5. taking immediate                   | e. being criticized   |
| 6. It questioned the acceptability of | f. tragedy            |
| 7. a place of enormous human          | g. of Auschwitz       |
| 8. over 1.1 million people            | h. action             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Over 1.3 million people were | a. the memories      |
| 2. in German-                   | b. World War II      |
| 3. during                       | c. war               |
| 4. Around 1.1 million of        | d. chambers          |
| 5. prisoners of                 | e. sent to Auschwitz |
| 6. gas                          | f. labor and disease |
| 7. starvation, hard             | g. occupied Poland   |
| 8. disrespectful to             | h. them were killed  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190511-auschwitz-4.html>

A website (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for selling items

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Auschwitz - the Nazi concentration camp. The

site apologized for selling skirts (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and is taking

"immediate action to remove" them. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ and disrespectful". It questioned the acceptability

of (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It called Auschwitz, "a place of enormous

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ over 1.1 million people were murdered."

Over 1.3 million people (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Auschwitz in German-

occupied Poland during World War II. Around 1.1 million of

(8) \_\_\_\_\_. Over 90% were Jews. Poles, Romani and

Russian (9) \_\_\_\_\_ also died, mostly in the gas chambers.

Others died of starvation, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ disease. The site said

it, "takes a (11) \_\_\_\_\_...the atrocities committed". A Twitter

user said it was, "disrespectful to the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ murdered

by the Nazis".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AUSCHWITZ SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190511-auschwitz-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Auschwitz 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) \_\_\_\_\_

