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Level 4 – 21st October 2024

U.K. to face \$260 billion slave trade bill

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241021-slave-trade-reparations-4.html>

The king of the UK will face a \$260 billion bill for compensation for Britain's role in the slave trade. The king will attend a Commonwealth leaders' summit. The annual meeting brings together 56 former colonies of the British Empire. Fifteen nations will ask for slave trade reparations at the summit. Barbados said the UK should pay the price for its past. A UN judge said the price for damage done by Britain during the slave trade was \$25 trillion.

The UK foreign secretary spoke about how his ancestors heard "twisted lies of imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people...we want reparations." Conversely, a UK politician suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the UK for its role in abolishing slavery. He tweeted: "They ought to pay us for ending slavery...We were motivated by Christian charity."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The king | a. done by Britain |
| 2. face a | b. the slave trade |
| 3. Britain's role in | c. reparations |
| 4. a Commonwealth leaders' | d. for its past |
| 5. former | e. summit |
| 6. slave trade | f. of the UK |
| 7. the UK should pay the price | g. colonies |
| 8. the price for damage | h. \$260 billion bill |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The UK foreign | a. slavery |
| 2. twisted lies | b. people |
| 3. they were turned | c. by Christian charity |
| 4. Caribbean | d. reparations |
| 5. we want | e. for ending slavery |
| 6. its role in abolishing | f. into slaves |
| 7. They ought to pay us | g. secretary |
| 8. We were motivated | h. of imperialism |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The king of the UK (1) _____ \$260 billion bill for compensation for Britain's role in the slave trade. The king (2) _____ Commonwealth leaders' summit. The annual meeting brings together 56 (3) _____ the British Empire. Fifteen nations will ask for slave trade reparations (4) _____. Barbados said the UK should (5) _____ for its past. A UN judge said the price for (6) _____ Britain during the slave trade was \$25 trillion.

The UK (7) _____ about how his ancestors heard "(8) _____ imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people... (9) _____." Conversely, a UK politician suggested Commonwealth (10) _____ the UK (11) _____ in abolishing slavery. He tweeted: "They ought to pay us for ending slavery...We (12) _____ Christian charity."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE SLAVE TRADE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2410/241021-slave-trade-reparations-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the slave trade 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) _____

