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**Level 6 – 21st October 2024**

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

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# THE ARTICLE

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

King Charles III is set to face demands to pay \$260 billion in compensation for Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade. The British monarch will attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government summit later this week. The annual meeting brings together leaders of 56 member states that were once territories or colonies of the former British Empire. Fifteen Caribbean nations have unanimously agreed to raise the issue of slave trade reparations at the summit. Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley said the U.K. needed to atone for its past atrocities. U.N. judge Patrick Robinson puts the realistic amount of reparations for damage done by Britain during the slave trade at \$25 trillion.

U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy has spoken of how his ancestors heard "twisted lies of imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". His ancestors were enslaved. In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people, we are not going to forget our history. We don't just want to hear an apology. We want reparations." Conversely, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, a possible future chairman of the U.K. Conservative Party, suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the U.K. for its role in abolishing slavery. He tweeted: "They ought to pay us for ending slavery. It is not something any other country had done, and we were motivated by Christian charity." The U.K. recently stated there would be no financial redress.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. THE SLAVE TRADE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the slave trade. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

King Charles / compensation / transatlantic / slave trade / government/ colonies / ancestors / lies / imperialism / history / chairman / future / charity / financial

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. COMPENSATION:** Students A **strongly** believe all countries should compensate countries for slavery; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. EMPIRES:** What do you know about these empires? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
British Empire		
Roman Empire		
Russian Empire		
Qing Dynasty		
Spanish Empire		
French Empire		

**5. EMPIRE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "empire". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. REPARATIONS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best form of reparations at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Financial redress
- Apologies
- Removal of statues
- Scholarships
- Return of cultural items
- Renaming streets
- Correction of history
- Ending modern slavery

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1. face (verb)   | a. To try to make up for something wrong you have done.            |
| 2. transatlantic | b. Across the Atlantic Ocean, between Europe and America.          |
| 3. monarch       | c. A place that is controlled by another country.                  |
| 4. colony        | d. To deal with something difficult or to meet something directly. |
| 5. unanimously   | e. Very bad and cruel actions, especially during a war.            |
| 6. atone         | f. A king or queen who rules a country.                            |
| 7. atrocities    | g. When everyone agrees on something.                              |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. imperialism  | h. Money or help given to make up for something bad that happened in the past.              |
| 9. ancestors    | i. When someone is forced to work without freedom.  |
| 10. enslaved    | j. Ending or stopping something forever, like a law or system.                              |
| 11. reparations | k. When a country forcibly takes control of other countries or lands to increase its power. |
| 12. conversely  | l. The people in your family who lived a long time ago, like your great-grandparents.       |
| 13. abolishing  | m. Making something right after it was wrong, like fixing a mistake.                        |
| 14. redress     | n. In a different or opposite way.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. King Charles II is going to a meeting of Commonwealth countries. **T / F**
2. More than 50 countries will attend the meeting. **T / F**
3. The foreign minister of Barbados will raise the issue of reparations. **T / F**
4. A U.N. judge said the damages the U.K. did amounted to \$25 trillion. **T / F**
5. The UK foreign secretary said his ancestors listened to imperialistic lies. **T / F**
6. The UK foreign secretary is the descendant of enslaved people. **T / F**
7. A UK politician said Commonwealth countries should pay the UK. **T / F**
8. The UK said it is considering financial redress. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. <b>demands</b>     | a. as one            |
| 2. <b>role</b>        | b. goodwill          |
| 3. <b>summit</b>      | c. compensation      |
| 4. <b>unanimously</b> | d. meeting           |
| 5. <b>atone</b>       | e. driven            |
| 6. <b>imperialism</b> | f. putting an end to |
| 7. <b>abolishing</b>  | g. requests          |
| 8. <b>motivated</b>   | h. make amends       |
| 9. <b>charity</b>     | i. empire building   |
| 10. <b>redress</b>    | j. part              |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Britain's role in the                      | a. redress                   |
| 2. territories or                             | b. for its past atrocities   |
| 3. Fifteen Caribbean nations have unanimously | c. enslaved                  |
| 4. the U.K. needed to atone                   | d. charity                   |
| 5. the realistic amount of reparations for    | e. agreed                    |
| 6. twisted lies                               | f. transatlantic slave trade |
| 7. His ancestors were                         | g. of imperialism            |
| 8. its role in abolishing                     | h. damage done by Britain    |
| 9. we were motivated by Christian             | i. slavery                   |
| 10. there would be no financial               | j. colonies                  |

# GAP FILL

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

King Charles III is set to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ demands to pay \$260 billion in compensation for Britain's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the transatlantic slave trade. The British monarch will (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Commonwealth Heads of Government summit later this week. The annual meeting brings together leaders of 56 (4) \_\_\_\_\_ states that were once territories or (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the former British Empire. Fifteen Caribbean nations have unanimously agreed to raise the issue of slave trade (6) \_\_\_\_\_ at the summit. Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley said the U.K. needed to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for its past atrocities. U.N. judge Patrick Robinson puts the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ amount of reparations for damage done by Britain during the slave trade at \$25 trillion.

*colonies*  
*reparations*  
*attend*  
*face*  
*realistic*  
*role*  
*atone*  
*member*

U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy has spoken of how his ancestors heard "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ lies of imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". His ancestors were (10) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people, we are not going to forget our history. We don't just want to hear an (11) \_\_\_\_\_. We want reparations." Conversely, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ future chairman of the U.K. Conservative Party, suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the U.K. for its role in (13) \_\_\_\_\_ slavery. He tweeted: "They ought to pay us for ending slavery. It is not something any other country had done, and we were (14) \_\_\_\_\_ by Christian (15) \_\_\_\_\_." The U.K. recently stated there would be no financial (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*motivated*  
*enslaved*  
*redress*  
*possible*  
*twisted*  
*charity*  
*abolishing*  
*apology*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) King Charles III is set to face demands to pay \$260 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. billion on compensation
  - b. billion at compensation
  - c. billion of compensation
  - d. billion in compensation
- 2) The British monarch will attend the Commonwealth Heads \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of Government apex
  - b. of Government summit
  - c. of Government peak
  - d. of Government apogee
- 3) 56 member states that were once territories or colonies of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. firmer British Empire
  - b. farmer British Empire
  - c. framer British Empire
  - d. former British Empire
- 4) nations have unanimously agreed to raise the issue of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. slave trade deprivations
  - b. slave trade trepidations
  - c. slave trade reparations
  - d. slave trade repatriations
- 5) Prime Minister Mia Mottley said the U.K. needed to atone for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its past atrocious
  - b. its past astro cities
  - c. its past unto cities
  - d. its past atrocities
- 6) David Lammy has spoken of how his ancestors heard twisted \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. whys of imperialism
  - b. lights of imperialism
  - c. lies of imperialism
  - d. allies of imperialism
- 7) we are not going to forget our history. We don't just want to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hear an apology
  - b. hear an Apollo, gee
  - c. hear an astrology
  - d. hear an apostrophe
- 8) Commonwealth countries should pay the U.K. for its role \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in abolition slavery
  - b. in abolishing slavery
  - c. in abolish sin slavery
  - d. in abolish thing slavery
- 9) not something any other country had done, and we were motivated \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. by Christian charitable
  - b. by Christian clarity
  - c. by Christian chattering
  - d. by Christian charity
- 10) The U.K. recently stated there would be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. no financial reed dress
  - b. no financial redress
  - c. no financial red dress
  - d. no financial address

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

King Charles III is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ demands to pay \$260 billion in compensation for Britain's role in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ trade. The British (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Commonwealth Heads of Government summit later this week. The annual meeting brings together leaders of 56 member states that were once (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the former British Empire. Fifteen Caribbean nations have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ raise the issue of slave trade reparations at the summit. Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley said the U.K. needed to atone for (6) \_\_\_\_\_. U.N. judge Patrick Robinson puts the realistic amount of reparations for damage done by Britain during the slave trade at \$25 trillion.

U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy has spoken of how his ancestors heard "(7) \_\_\_\_\_ imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". His (8) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people, we are not going to forget our history. We don't just want to hear an apology. (9) \_\_\_\_\_." Conversely, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, a possible future chairman of the U.K. Conservative Party, suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the U.K. for its role in abolishing slavery. He tweeted: "They (10) \_\_\_\_\_ us for ending slavery. It is not something any other country had done, and we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Christian charity." The U.K. recently stated there would be (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Who might hear demands for compensation over the slave trade?
2. How many nations are attending the Commonwealth meeting?
3. How many Caribbean nations agreed to talk about reparations?
4. What did the prime minister of Barbados say Britain had to atone for?
5. What did a U.N. judge put the amount of reparations at?
6. What is the job of David Lammy?
7. What did David Lammy say his ancestors had to hear?
8. What did David Lammy say Caribbean people would not forget about?
9. What did a politician say Commonwealth countries should do to the UK?
10. What did a politician say the UK was motivated by in ending slavery?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Who might hear demands for compensation over the slave trade?
  - a) company CEOs
  - b) King Charles II
  - c) King Charles III
  - d) Barbados' prime minister
- 2) How many nations are attending the Commonwealth meeting?
  - a) 56
  - b) 260
  - c) 25
  - d) 15
- 3) How many Caribbean nations agreed to talk about reparations?
  - a) 56
  - b) 15
  - c) 260
  - d) 25
- 4) What did the prime minister of Barbados say Britain had to atone for?
  - a) financial losses
  - b) reparations
  - c) abolishing slavery
  - d) its past atrocities
- 5) What did a U.N. judge put the amount of reparations at?
  - a) \$25 billion
  - b) \$25 quadrillion
  - c) \$25 trillion
  - d) \$25 gazillion
- 6) What is the job of David Lammy?
  - a) the U.K. Commonwealth Secretary
  - b) the U.K. Foreign Secretary
  - c) the U.K. Finance Secretary
  - d) the U.K. Reparations Secretary
- 7) What did David Lammy say his ancestors had to hear?
  - a) terrible stories
  - b) apologies
  - c) suggestions
  - d) twisted lies of imperialism
- 8) What did David Lammy say Caribbean people would not forget about?
  - a) reparations
  - b) their history
  - c) the U.K.
  - d) King Charles
- 9) What did a politician say Commonwealth countries should do to the UK?
  - a) apologise
  - b) pay the U.K.
  - c) help it
  - d) honour the U.K.
- 10) What did a politician say the UK was motivated by in ending slavery?
  - a) charity
  - b) money
  - c) public opinion
  - d) human rights

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Financial Redress**

You think financial redress is the best form of reparations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an apology, a correction of history or the removal of statues of slave traders.

## **Role B – An apology**

You think an apology is the best form of reparations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): financial redress, a correction of history or the removal of statues of slave traders.

## **Role C – A Correction of History**

You think a correction of history is the best form of reparations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an apology, financial redress or the removal of statues of slave traders.

## **Role D – Removal of Statues of Slave Traders**

You think the removal of statues of slave traders is the best form of reparations. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an apology, a correction of history or financial redress.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'slave' and 'trade'.

<b>slave</b>	<b>trade</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• face</li><li>• later</li><li>• 56</li><li>• raise</li><li>• past</li><li>• realistic</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• spoken</li><li>• lies</li><li>• forget</li><li>• possible</li><li>• abolishing</li><li>• recently</li></ul>
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# THE SLAVE TRADE SURVEY

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

# THE SLAVE TRADE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'slavery'?
3. What do you know about the slave trade?
4. How could trade in enslaved people ever happen?
5. How sad is it that slavery still exists today?
6. Was your country involved in any form of enslavement?
7. Should the U.K. pay reparations to countries it profited from?
8. How would you calculate the amount of reparations?
9. To whom should reparations go?
10. What kind of damage did the slave trade do?

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# THE SLAVE TRADE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'empire'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should King Charles III apologise?
15. What were the 'twisted lies of imperialism'?
16. What do you think of Jacob Rees-Mogg's comments?
17. What advice do you have for David Lammy?
18. What can we do to end modern-day slavery?
19. Why do you think the UK will neither pay reparations nor apologise?
20. What questions would you like to ask King Charles III?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy has spoken of how his ancestors heard "(7) \_\_\_\_\_ lies of imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". His ancestors were (8) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people, we are not going to forget our history. We don't just want to hear an apology. We want reparations." (9) \_\_\_\_\_, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, a possible future chairman of the U.K. Conservative Party, suggested Commonwealth countries should (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the U.K. for its role in abolishing slavery. He tweeted: "They (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to pay us for ending slavery. It is not something any other country had done, and we were motivated by Christian charity." The U.K. recently stated there would be no financial (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |                |               |                 |                   |
|-----|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | (a) face       | (b) head      | (c) skull       | (d) visage        |
| 2.  | (a) at         | (b) of        | (c) in          | (d) by            |
| 3.  | (a) lately     | (b) latter    | (c) later       | (d) latterly      |
| 4.  | (a) colons     | (b) colonise  | (c) corollaries | (d) colonies      |
| 5.  | (a) atone      | (b) attune    | (c) attach      | (d) attain        |
| 6.  | (a) realism    | (b) realistic | (c) real-time   | (d) realty        |
| 7.  | (a) trussed    | (b) tarnished | (c) thwarted    | (d) twisted       |
| 8.  | (a) slaved     | (b) enslaved  | (c) slaving     | (d) slavered      |
| 9.  | (a) Conversely | (b) Adversely | (c) Perversely  | (d) Adversarially |
| 10. | (a) payment    | (b) payee     | (c) payout      | (d) pay           |
| 11. | (a) bought     | (b) sought    | (c) nought      | (d) ought         |
| 12. | (a) address    | (b) redress   | (c) overdress   | (d) headdress     |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The British mrochan
2. the Commonwealth Heads of Government mimtus
3. states that were once etrtesiiorr or colonies
4. nations have uulaysinmno agreed
5. the U.K. needed to taeon
6. its past tcoiitaers

## Paragraph 2

7. twisted lies of pamlieimsr
8. His ncotarsse were enslaved
9. We want irepsotaran
10. its role in aihsngiolb slavery
11. we were metvoitad by Christian charity
12. there would be no financial reredss

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) week. The annual meeting brings together leaders of 56 member states that were once territories
- ( ) apology. We want reparations." Conversely, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, a possible future chairman
- ( ) or colonies of the former British Empire. Fifteen Caribbean nations have unanimously agreed to
- ( ) of imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". His ancestors were enslaved. In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean
- ( ) done, and we were motivated by Christian charity." The U.K. recently stated there would be no financial redress.
- ( ) slavery. He tweeted: "They ought to pay us for ending slavery. It is not something any other country had
- ( **1** ) King Charles III is set to face demands to pay \$260 billion in compensation for Britain's role in the transatlantic
- ( ) to atone for its past atrocities. U.N. judge Patrick Robinson puts the realistic amount of reparations
- ( ) raise the issue of slave trade reparations at the summit. Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley said the U.K. needed
- ( ) U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy has spoken of how his ancestors heard "twisted lies
- ( ) people, we are not going to forget our history. We don't just want to hear an
- ( ) slave trade. The British monarch will attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government summit later this
- ( ) of the U.K. Conservative Party, suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the U.K. for its role in abolishing
- ( ) for damage done by Britain during the slave trade at \$25 trillion.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. Britain's Compensation role trade . slave the in for
2. Empire . colonies of the British or former Territories
3. Nations the unanimously to have agreed issue . raise
4. to needed Britain past for atrocities . atone its
5. realistic for of reparations amount damage The done .
6. heard ancestors imperialism . His lies of twisted
7. our We history . forget not going are to
8. role Britain Pay its in slavery . for abolishing
9. us ought for slavery . ending They to pay
10. would stated there financial no It redress . be

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

King Charles III is set to face *supplies / demands* to pay \$260 billion in compensation for Britain's *role / roll* in the transatlantic slave trade. The British monarch will *offend / attend* the Commonwealth Heads of Government summit *later / latter* this week. The annual meeting brings together leaders of 56 *number / member* states that were once territories or *colonise / colonies* of the former British Empire. Fifteen Caribbean nations have unanimously agreed *for / to* raise the issue of slave trade reparations at the summit. Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley said the U.K. needed to atone for its past *atrocities / atrocious*. U.N. judge Patrick Robinson puts the realistic amount of reparations for damage *done / doing* by Britain during the slave trade *to / at* \$25 trillion.

U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy has *spoke / spoken* of how his ancestors heard "twisted lies of *imperialism / imperialistic* as they were...turned *onto / into* slaves". His ancestors were *enslaved / enslaves*. In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people, we are not going to forget our history. We don't *just / justly* want to hear an apology. We want reparations." Conversely, Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, a *possible / possibly* future chairman of the U.K. Conservative Party, suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the U.K. for its role in *abolition / abolishing* slavery. He tweeted: "They *ought / nought* to pay us for ending slavery. It is not something any other country had done, and we *were / are* motivated by Christian charity." The U.K. recently stated there would be no financial *address / redress*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

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Write about **the slave trade** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Countries responsible for the slave trade should pay reparations. Discuss.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE SLAVE TRADE:** Make a poster about the slave trade. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. REPARATIONS:** Write a magazine article about requiring all nations responsible for any slave trade to pay reparations. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on the slave trade. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how countries can atone and make amends. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. b    3. f    4. c    5. g    6. a    7. e  
8. k    9. l    10. i    11. h    12. n    13. j    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 T    6 T    7 T    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. j	3. d	4. a	5. h
6. i	7. f	8. e	9. b	10. c

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. King Charles III
2. Fifty-six
3. Fifteen
4. Its past atrocities
5. \$25 trillion
6. The U.K. Foreign Secretary
7. Twisted lies of imperialism
8. Their history
9. Pay the U.K.
10. Charity

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Compensation for Britain's role in the slave trade.
2. Territories or colonies of the former British Empire.
3. Nations have unanimously agreed to raise the issue.
4. Britain needed to atone for its past atrocities.
5. The realistic amount of reparations for damage done.
6. His ancestors heard twisted lies of imperialism.
7. We are not going to forget our history.
8. Pay Britain for its role in abolishing slavery.
9. They ought to pay us for ending slavery.
10. It stated there would be no financial redress.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)