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Level 5 – 21st October 2024

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

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The UK's King Charles will face a \$260 billion bill for compensation for Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade. King Charles will attend a Commonwealth leaders' summit later this week. The annual meeting brings together leaders of 56 states that were once territories or colonies of the British Empire. Fifteen nations will raise the issue of slave trade reparations at the summit. Barbados' prime minister said the UK needed to atone for its past atrocities. A UN judge said the amount of reparations for damage done by Britain during the slave trade was \$25 trillion.

The UK foreign secretary has spoken of how his ancestors heard "twisted lies of imperialism as they were...turned into slaves". In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people, we are not going to forget our history. We don't want an apology. We want reparations." Conversely, a possible future chairman of the UK Conservative Party suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the UK 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."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0qzkg0ldqzo>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Britain's role in the transatlantic | a. the issue |
| 2. attend a Commonwealth leaders' | b. of reparations |
| 3. territories | c. slave trade |
| 4. Fifteen nations will raise | d. the slave trade |
| 5. slave trade | e. summit |
| 6. the UK needed to atone | f. reparations |
| 7. the amount | g. or colonies |
| 8. damage done by Britain during | h. for its past atrocities |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The UK foreign | a. for ending slavery |
| 2. his ancestors heard twisted lies | b. forget our history |
| 3. they were turned | c. by Christian charity |
| 4. we are not going to | d. abolishing slavery |
| 5. its role in | e. of imperialism |
| 6. They ought to pay us | f. secretary |
| 7. not something any other | g. into slaves |
| 8. we were motivated | h. country had done |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK's King Charles will face a \$260 (1) _____ compensation for Britain's role in the (2) _____. King Charles will attend a Commonwealth leaders' summit later this week. The (3) _____ together leaders of 56 states that were once (4) _____ of the British Empire. Fifteen nations will (5) _____ of slave trade reparations at the summit. Barbados' prime minister said the UK needed to atone for (6) _____. A UN judge said the amount of reparations for damage done by Britain during the slave trade was \$25 trillion.

The UK foreign secretary has spoken of how his ancestors heard "twisted (7) _____ as they were...turned into slaves". In 2018, he tweeted: "As Caribbean people, we are not going to (8) _____. We don't want an apology. We want reparations." Conversely, (9) _____ chairman of the UK Conservative Party suggested Commonwealth countries should pay the UK for its (10) _____ slavery. He tweeted: "They ought to pay us (11) _____. It is not something any other country had done, and we were motivated (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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yhasspokenofhowhisancestorsheard"twistedliesofimperialismasthe
ywere...turnedintoslaves".In2018,hetweeted:"AsCaribbeanpeople,
wearenotgoingtoforgetourhistory.Wedon'twantanapology.Wewant
reparations."Conversely,apossiblefuturechairmanoftheUKConserv
ativePartysuggestedCommonwealthcountriesshouldpaytheUKforits
roleinabolishingslavery.Hetweeted:"Theyoughttopayusforendingsl
avery.Itisnotsomethinganyothercountryhaddone,andweweremotiv
atedbyChristiancharity."

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) _____

