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Level 5 – 20th March, 2019

Cheaper rail tickets for Germany's women

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THE READING

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Women in Berlin, Germany will get cheaper rail travel on Monday for Equal Pay Day - a 21 per cent reduction in subway fares. Equal Pay Day is to raise awareness of the gender pay gap. It symbolizes how many extra days a year women must work to earn what men earn. Every country does different things. It is a big event in Germany, where women are paid 21 per cent less than men in terms of average gross hourly earnings. Berlin's subway is cutting the cost of a day travel ticket by 21 per cent, charging €5.50 instead of the usual €7.00.

Berlin's metro is wholeheartedly backing its initiative. It is advertising online. An ad vows to close the gender pay gap. It says: "Gender-specific wage gap. Sounds stupid. Is stupid. We'll close it." Critics of the cheaper day pass say women won't benefit as most workers buy monthly travel passes. Tourists buy the day passes. Men could be in trouble if they try to buy the cheaper day pass. Men found using the discounted tickets would be treated like fare dodgers. Any man caught buying the day pass will receive a fine of €60.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/germanys-family-minister-urges-gender-pay-gap-closure/a-47966578>
<https://www.thelocal.de/20190318/berlin-offers-discounted-transport-tickets-to-women>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. get cheaper rail | a. the cost |
| 2. raise | b. days a year |
| 3. how many extra | c. in Germany |
| 4. Every country does | d. usual €7.00 |
| 5. It is a big event | e. hourly earnings |
| 6. average gross | f. awareness |
| 7. cutting | g. travel |
| 8. instead of the | h. different things |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Berlin's metro is wholeheartedly | a. benefit |
| 2. close the gender | b. the day pass |
| 3. Critics of | c. pay gap |
| 4. women won't | d. of €60 |
| 5. Men could be in | e. backing its initiative |
| 6. treated like fare | f. the cheaper day pass |
| 7. Any man caught buying | g. trouble |
| 8. receive a fine | h. dodgers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Women in Berlin, Germany (1) _____ rail travel on Monday for Equal Pay Day - a 21 per cent reduction (2) _____. Equal Pay Day (3) _____ awareness of the gender pay gap. It symbolizes how many extra days a year women must (4) _____ what men earn. Every country does different things. It is a big event in Germany, where women are paid 21 per cent less than men (5) _____ average gross hourly earnings. Berlin's subway is cutting the cost of a day travel ticket by 21 per cent, charging €5.50 instead (6) _____ €7.00.

Berlin's metro is wholeheartedly (7) _____. It is advertising online. An ad vows to (8) _____ pay gap. It says: "Gender-specific wage gap. Sounds stupid. Is stupid. We'll close it." Critics of the cheaper day pass say women won't (9) _____ workers buy monthly travel passes. Tourists buy the day passes. Men could (10) _____ if they try to buy the cheaper day pass. Men found using the discounted tickets would be treated (11) _____. Any man caught buying the day pass will (12) _____ of €60.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EQUAL PAY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1903/190320-equal-pay-day-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about equal pay 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) _____

