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Level 5 – 11th May, 2019

Online store slammed for selling Auschwitz skirts

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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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A website has come under criticism for selling items with images of Auschwitz - the Nazi concentration camp. The website Redbubble has apologized for selling skirts, pillows and other products with photos of Auschwitz printed on them. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum called the products "disturbing and disrespectful". It questioned the acceptability of selling products like pillows, skirts or bags with the images. It called Auschwitz, "a place of enormous human tragedy where over 1.1 million people were murdered." Redbubble is taking "immediate action to remove" the items.

At least 1.3 million people were sent to Auschwitz in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Over 90 per cent were Jews. The Nazis murdered 1.1 million of the detainees between 1940-45. Poles, Romani, Russian prisoners of war and others also died, mostly in the gas chambers. Others died of starvation, hard labor and disease. Redbubble said it, "takes a strong stance against...the atrocities committed in Nazi concentration camps". A Twitter user wrote: "How very disrespectful to the memories of those murdered by the Nazis and the pain of their families."

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A website has come under | a. tragedy |
| 2. selling items with | b. disrespectful |
| 3. skirts, pillows and other | c. action |
| 4. disturbing and | d. products |
| 5. it questioned the acceptability | e. the items |
| 6. a place of enormous human | f. criticism |
| 7. taking immediate | g. images of Auschwitz |
| 8. remove | h. of selling products |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. in German-occupied Poland | a. chambers |
| 2. 1.1 million of | b. of those murdered |
| 3. gas | c. a strong stance |
| 4. Others died of | d. families |
| 5. Redbubble said it takes | e. during World War II |
| 6. atrocities committed in Nazi | f. starvation |
| 7. disrespectful to the memories | g. the detainees |
| 8. the pain of their | h. concentration camps |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A website has (1) _____ for selling items with images of Auschwitz - the Nazi concentration camp. The website Redbubble has (2) _____ skirts, pillows and other products with photos of Auschwitz (3) _____. The Auschwitz Memorial Museum called the (4) _____ "disrespectful". It questioned the acceptability of selling products like pillows, skirts or bags with the images. It called Auschwitz, "a place of (5) _____ where over 1.1 million people were murdered." Redbubble is taking "(6) _____ remove" the items.

At least 1.3 million people (7) _____ Auschwitz in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Over 90 per cent were Jews. The Nazis murdered 1.1 million (8) _____ between 1940-45. Poles, Romani, Russian (9) _____ and others also died, mostly in the gas chambers. Others died of (10) _____ and disease. Redbubble said it, "takes a (11) _____...the atrocities committed in Nazi concentration camps". A Twitter user wrote: "How very disrespectful (12) _____ of those murdered by the Nazis and the pain of their families."

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) _____

