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## World War I to officially end

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Germany will make its last payment of World War I compensation on October 3rd. The final sum to Belgium and France of \$94 million means WWI will officially be over. The German newspaper Bild said: "The last bill is due and the First World War finally, financially at least, ends for Germany." Germany had to pay the money as part of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. It destroyed the German economy and was one of the reasons for the Second World War. Most of the money will go to private individuals and pension funds.

It's amazing it took so long for the Great War to end. Of course, the fighting ended almost a century ago, but paying for it continued for another 90 years. Not many people know what happens when a war ends. How did the British and Americans decide how much Germany had to pay? World War I was the bloodiest in history. Everyone hoped it would be the last world war, but they were wrong. We must all keep our fingers crossed we will not have a third one. That would be terrible. No one would be around after that to pay for the costs.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100929-world\\_war\\_i.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100929-world_war_i.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Germany will make its      | a. pay the money    |
| 2. WWI will officially        | b. funds            |
| 3. Germany had to             | c. German economy   |
| 4. It destroyed the           | d. last payment     |
| 5. one of the reasons for the | e. be over          |
| 6. pension                    | f. Second World War |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. It's amazing it took         | a. a century ago     |
| 2. fighting ended almost        | b. in history        |
| 3. Not many people              | c. so long           |
| 4. the bloodiest                | d. crossed           |
| 5. We must all keep our fingers | e. costs             |
| 6. pay for the                  | f. know what happens |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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It's amazing \_\_\_\_\_ the Great War to end. Of course, the fighting ended \_\_\_\_\_ ago, but paying for it continued for another 90 years. Not many people know what happens \_\_\_\_\_. How did the British and Americans decide how much Germany had to pay? World War I was \_\_\_\_\_ history. Everyone hoped it would be the last world war, but they were wrong. We must all keep our \_\_\_\_\_ will not have a third one. That would be terrible. No one would be around after \_\_\_\_\_ the costs.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Germany will make its last (1) \_\_\_\_ of World War I compensation on October 3rd. The final sum to Belgium and France of \$94 million means WWI will officially be (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The German newspaper Bild said: "The last bill is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and the First World War finally, financially at least, ends for Germany." Germany had to pay the money (4) \_\_\_\_\_ part of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. It destroyed the German economy and was one of the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Second World War. Most of the money will (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to private individuals and pension funds.

It's amazing it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ so long for the Great War to end. Of course, the fighting ended almost a century ago, but paying for it continued (8) \_\_\_\_\_ another 90 years. Not many people know what (9) \_\_\_\_\_ when a war ends. How did the British and Americans decide how much Germany had to pay? World War I was the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in history. Everyone hoped it would be the last world war, but they were wrong. We must all keep our (11) \_\_\_\_\_ crossed we will not have a third one. That would be terrible. No one would be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ after that to pay for the costs.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |             |               |
|-----|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) paid      | (b) payment | (c) pays      |
| 2.  | (a) over      | (b) under   | (c) beside    |
| 3.  | (a) sue       | (b) hue     | (c) due       |
| 4.  | (a) was       | (b) has     | (c) as        |
| 5.  | (a) reason    | (b) reasons | (c) raisins   |
| 6.  | (a) go        | (b) leave   | (c) come      |
| 7.  | (a) took      | (b) taken   | (c) takes     |
| 8.  | (a) at        | (b) from    | (c) for       |
| 9.  | (a) happening | (b) happens | (c) happen    |
| 10. | (a) blood     | (b) bloody  | (c) bloodiest |
| 11. | (a) fingers   | (b) eyes    | (c) legs      |
| 12. | (a) until     | (b) around  | (c) over      |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. make its last tpnyaem
2. The lfnia sum
3. lcfaiifyol be over
4. the German noymec
5. tvepair individuals
6. noneisp funds

## Paragraph 2

7. It's azagimn
8. a tyrunec ago
9. people know what hpnpsae
10. dedeic how much
11. keep our isrenfg crossed
12. pay for the sstco

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100929-world\\_war\\_i.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100929-world_war_i.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. It destroyed the German economy and was one of the
- ( ) It's amazing it took so long for the Great War to end. Of course, the fighting ended almost a century ago, but
- ( ) Belgium and France of \$94 million means WWI will officially be over. The German newspaper Bild said: "The last bill is
- ( ) history. Everyone hoped it would be the last world war, but they were wrong. We must all keep our fingers
- ( ) reasons for the Second World War. Most of the money will go to private individuals and pension funds.
- ( ) the British and Americans decide how much Germany had to pay? World War I was the bloodiest in
- ( ) crossed we will not have a third one. That would be terrible. No one would be around after that to pay for the costs.
- ( ) due and the First World War finally, financially at least, ends for Germany." Germany had to pay the money as part
- ( **1** ) Germany will make its last payment of World War I compensation on October 3rd. The final sum to
- ( ) paying for it continued for another 90 years. Not many people know what happens when a war ends. How did

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. will its payment Germany make last.

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2. the had pay money Germany to.

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3. It economy German the destroyed.

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4. for World One reasons Second the the War of.

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5. of will private Most money to the go individuals.

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6. so amazing took long It's it.

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7. fighting The ago century a almost ended.

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8. people what many know happens Not.

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9. to had Germany much how Decide pay.

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10. our keep all must We crossed fingers.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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. WAR:** Search the Internet and find more information about World War I. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about war. Include imaginary interviews with soldiers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to the leader of your country. Ask him/her three questions about war. Give him/her three of your opinions on war. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.