

News Article Activity: Graphic Organizers

Read the news article and complete the graphic organizers.

Sandwich Chain Seeks to Hire Apprentices for £3.50 per

Hour

A well-known chain of sandwich shops has come under fire for job advertisements for apprentice sandwich makers. Successful candidates would only be paid £119 per 35-hour work week. Unions have taken note, because apprentices would be required to perform the same tasks as regular employees.

Because several large international companies have been caught stretching the definition of *apprentice*, the Public Accounts Committee is pushing the Department for Education to look closely at the quality of apprenticeships being created. Additionally, last year, the National Audit Office reported that there was no reason to continue providing money for the program, because there is no proof it benefits society.

Right now, the program is only measured by the number of apprenticeships created. Success, they say, should come down to quality rather than quantity. Unless the participants' skills are looked at, there is no way to size up the success or failure of an apprenticeship.





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What happened?

When did it happen?

Where did it happen?

Why did it happen?

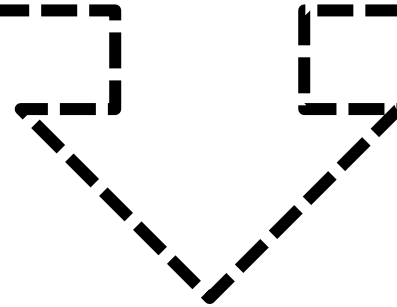
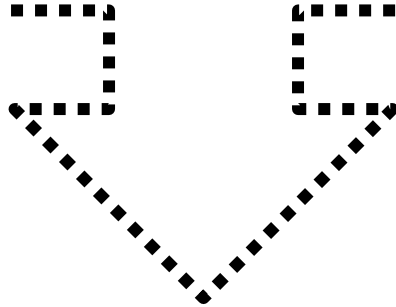
What was the result?

Key Words and Phrases

Making Inferences from the Text

What I learned from the text:

What I already know:



My inference:



Answer Key

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Who is the story about?

This story is about a national chain of sandwich restaurants.

What happened?

The restaurant advertised apprentice positions which required the apprentices to do the same work as regular employees.

When did it happen?

The date is not given, but this is a news article, so it happened recently.

Where did it happen?

This happened in the UK.

Why did it happen?

It happened because many large companies are now trying to hire apprentices to do the work of regular employees.

What was the result?

Unions and other organizations would like the Department of Education to study the quality of apprenticeships and also develop a system to find out how much apprentices' skills develop during apprenticeships.

Key Words and Phrases

Apprenticeship, come under fire, look at, benefit



Answer Key

Making Inferences from the Text

What I learned from the text:

- A large, international restaurant chain wants to pay apprentices £119 per 35-hour work week, or £3.50 per hour.
- Apprentices would do the same work as regular employees.

What I already know:

- Apprentices are trainees/ student workers. So, they should not do the same work as regular employees.
- The minimum wage in the UK is £5.55 per hour for 18-20 year olds and £4.00 for under 18s.

My inference:

If the apprentice is doing the work of a regular employee, then they are not a trainee. This restaurant chain is trying to pay regular workers apprentice rates in order to make more money.

