

Primary 7-11 Lesson



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

Your latest results: "Do you think alien life exists?"



Yes

64.7%

No

35.3%

"You never know?"

Crookesbroom
Primary Academy

"I do believe alien life exists but it's hard to prove due to the size of the Universe."

Eldon Grove
Academy

"If there are aliens, why haven't they come yet?"

Northwood Park
Primary School

"Talks about aliens are fake. Some people are making it up to be famous or scare others. But it makes you think about it."

Ladypool Primary
School

58,998 young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

Your latest results: “Do you think alien life exists?”



Click to hear from Adam Ledger, Education and Outreach Manager of the UK Space Agency, about his thoughts on your latest VoteTopic results.

Your views on “Do you think alien life exists?” were also heard by:



UK Space
Agency



National Space
Centre



Jodrell Bank
Observatory



Cambridge
Science Centre



Science
Museum



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Today's VoteTopic:

Does money make up for injustice?

UNCRC Article 16:
Protection of
privacy

UN SDG 8:
Decent work &
economic growth

VfS Key Theme 7:
Crime, justice &
extremism

A blue-tinted image of a statue of Lady Justice, holding a scale of justice in her right hand and a sword in her left. The word "justice" is written in large, white, lowercase letters with a black outline, centered over the image.

justice

Justice:
Fairness in the way people are treated.

A red-tinted image of a statue of Lady Justice, holding a scale of justice. The word 'injustice' is overlaid in large, white, bold letters with a black outline.

injustice

Injustice:

A situation in which there is not fairness or justice.



injustice

Curriculum link – English

Which other words contain the prefix *in*?
What can this prefix mean?

1 Delivering justice



In the **UK**, the **courts** and **judges** make sure that **everyone is treated fairly** and **lives by the country's laws**.

Law:
The system of official rules in the country.

2 Taking a closer look...



In recent years, many **Post Office workers**, known as **subpostmasters**, have faced **injustice** because they were **blamed for money going missing**.

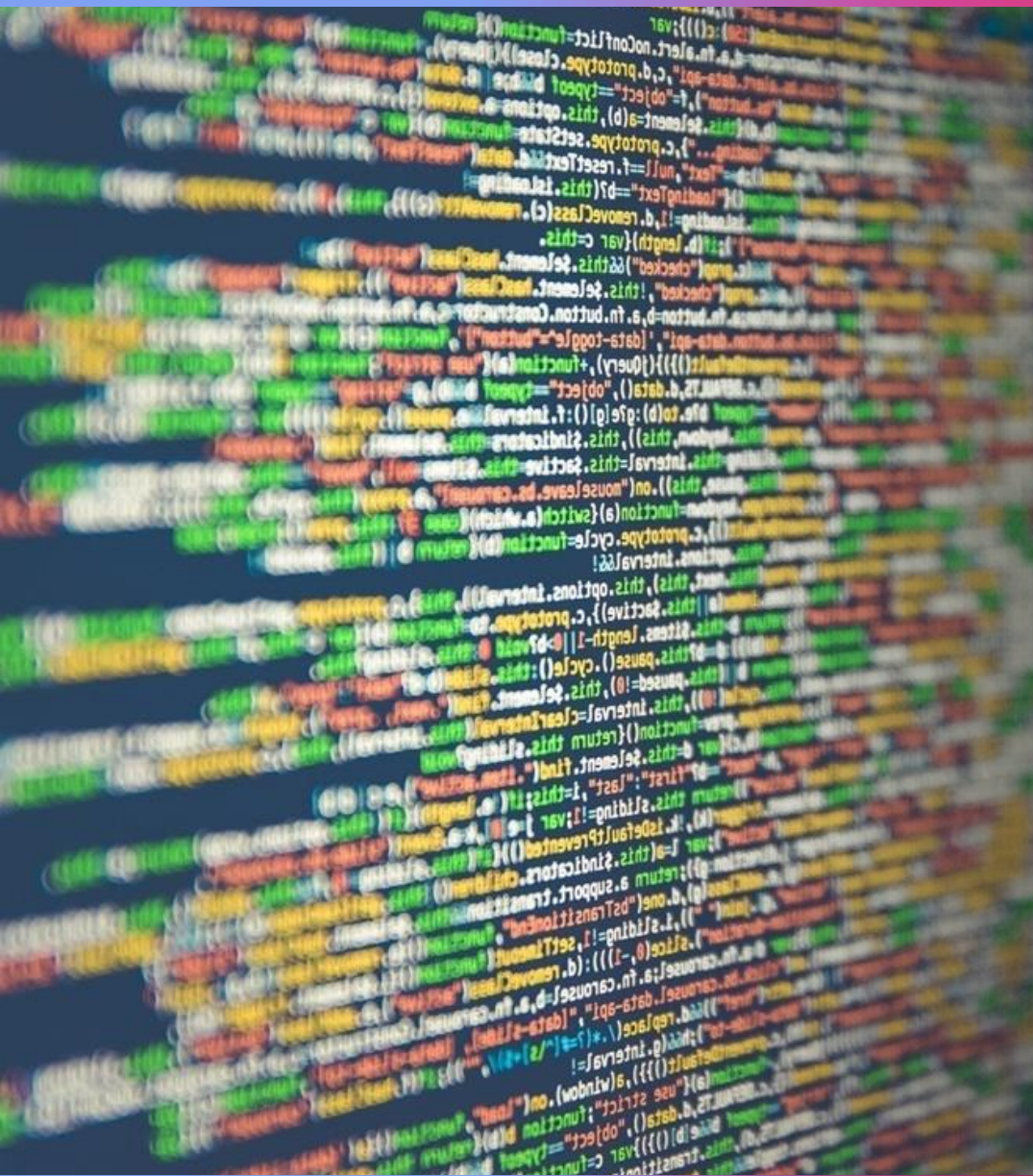


2 Taking a closer look...



Most of them **lost their jobs** and some of them went to **prison** for **stealing**. **Not many people listened to them** when they said that they **had not stolen anything**.

2 Taking a closer look...



It turned out that **computers** had been making **mistakes** and **subpostmasters** had **not** been stealing any money.

The people it affected are very **upset** and **angry**.

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Whole class activity (5-10 mins)

Let's think about some of **the important details**. **Complete the sentences** with the different options given. **Show your answer with one, two or three fingers.**



2 Taking a closer look...



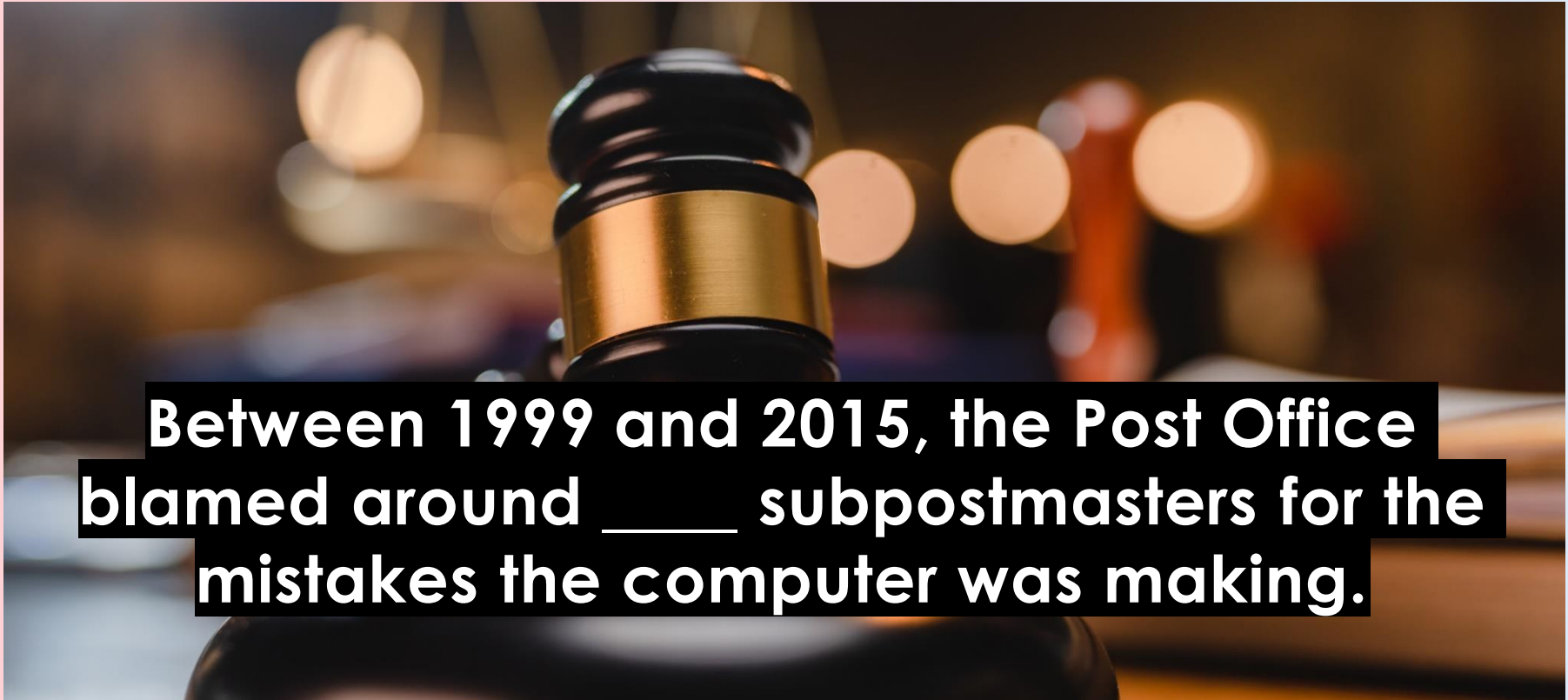
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Horizon



Shore



Between 1999 and 2015, the Post Office blamed around ____ subpostmasters for the mistakes the computer was making.



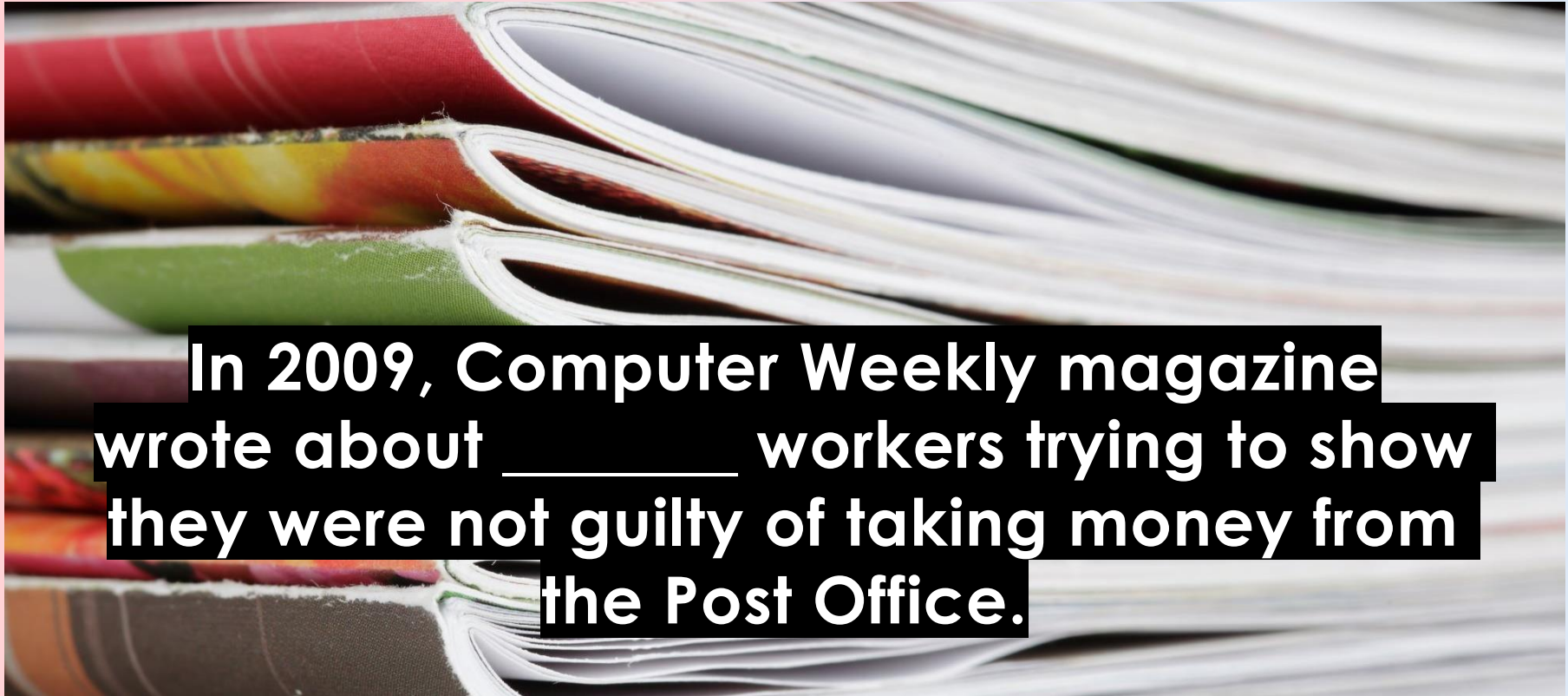
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700



1,000



seven



ten



thirteen

2 Taking a closer look...



In 2015, the boss of the Post Office told the Government that no _____ had taken place.



crimes



mistakes



injustice

2 Taking a closer look...



Did you know?
The Post Office agreed to pay £58 million to the 555 subpostmasters after a judge said that the computer system contained lots of bugs and errors.

In 2017, ___ subpostmasters took the Post Office to court.



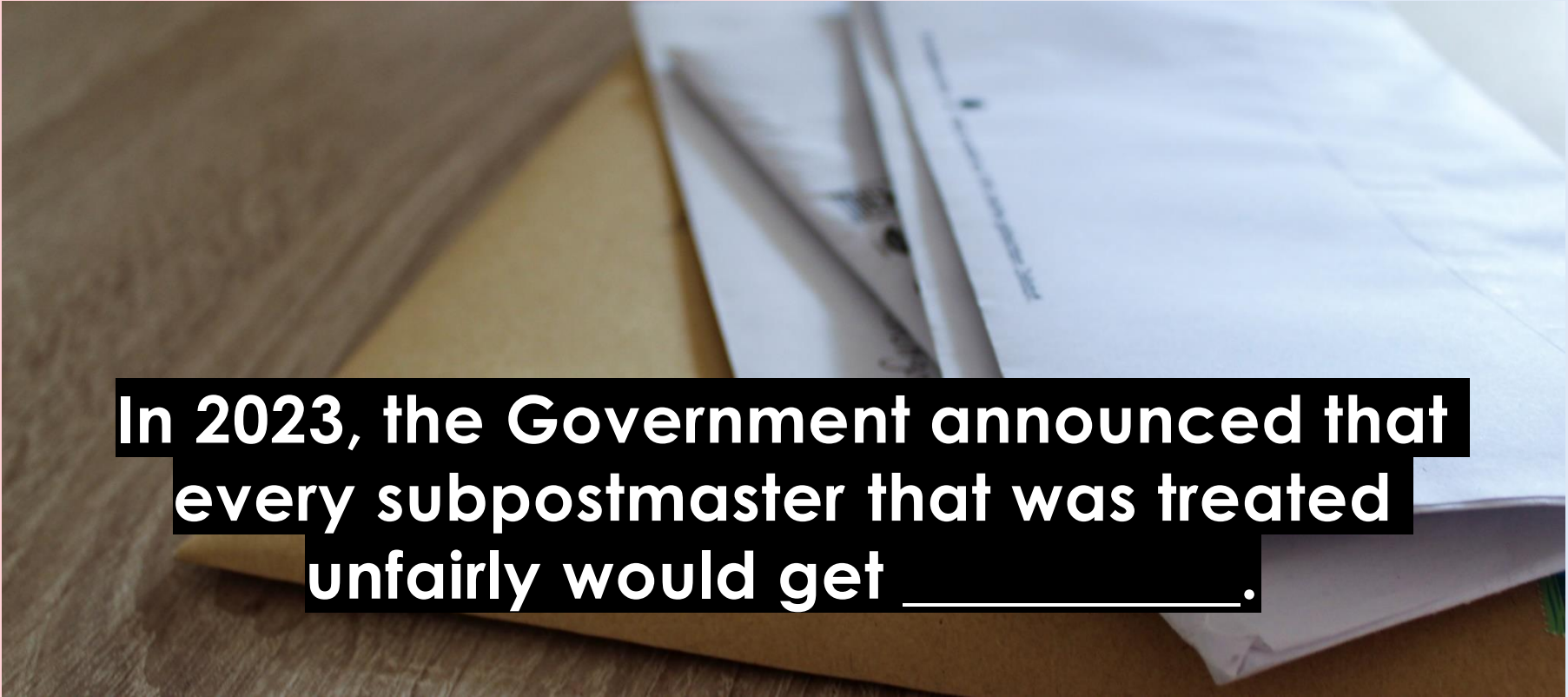
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555



755



In 2023, the Government announced that every subpostmaster that was treated unfairly would get _____.



£100,000



£300,000



£600,000

3 Why are we talking about this?



In the last few weeks, people have been watching a **TV show** on **ITV** called **Mr. Bates vs The Post Office**.

This has raised awareness of the **unfair treatment** of the **subpostmasters** and the **impact** it had on their lives.

3 Why are we talking about this?



The Post Office have given some people **money to say sorry** for the **unfair treatment they received**. This is called **compensation**.

But some people don't think this **makes up for the injustice** of **people losing their jobs** and **going to jail**.



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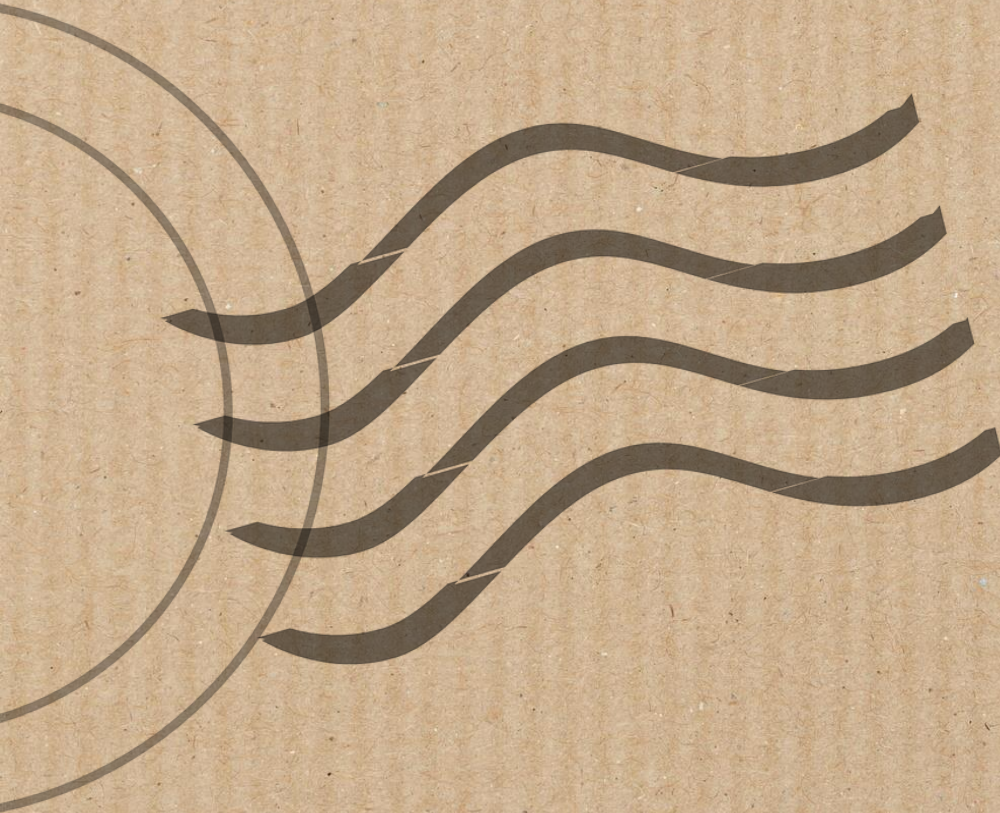


So, **do you think giving people money makes up for injustice?** At the end of the lesson, you can decide.

4 Addressing the nation



The Post Office has **taken some steps** to try and **make up for the injustice** they caused **the subpostmasters**.



Whole class activity (6-8 mins)

Over the next few slides, you are going to read about some of **the steps the Post Office have taken to make up for the injustice**. If you think a step makes up for the injustice, **tap your finger on the table**. If it doesn't, **put your hands in your lap**.



The boss of the Post Office has been **meeting subpostmasters across the country** to say sorry and hear their stories.

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So far, **93 people** who went to prison or lost their job for stealing from the Post Office have **now been found not guilty.**

Did you know?

The Government has put a plan together to make it easier for subpostmasters to say they are not guilty.



Challenge (1 min)

What impact do you think the injustice had on the workers and their families?

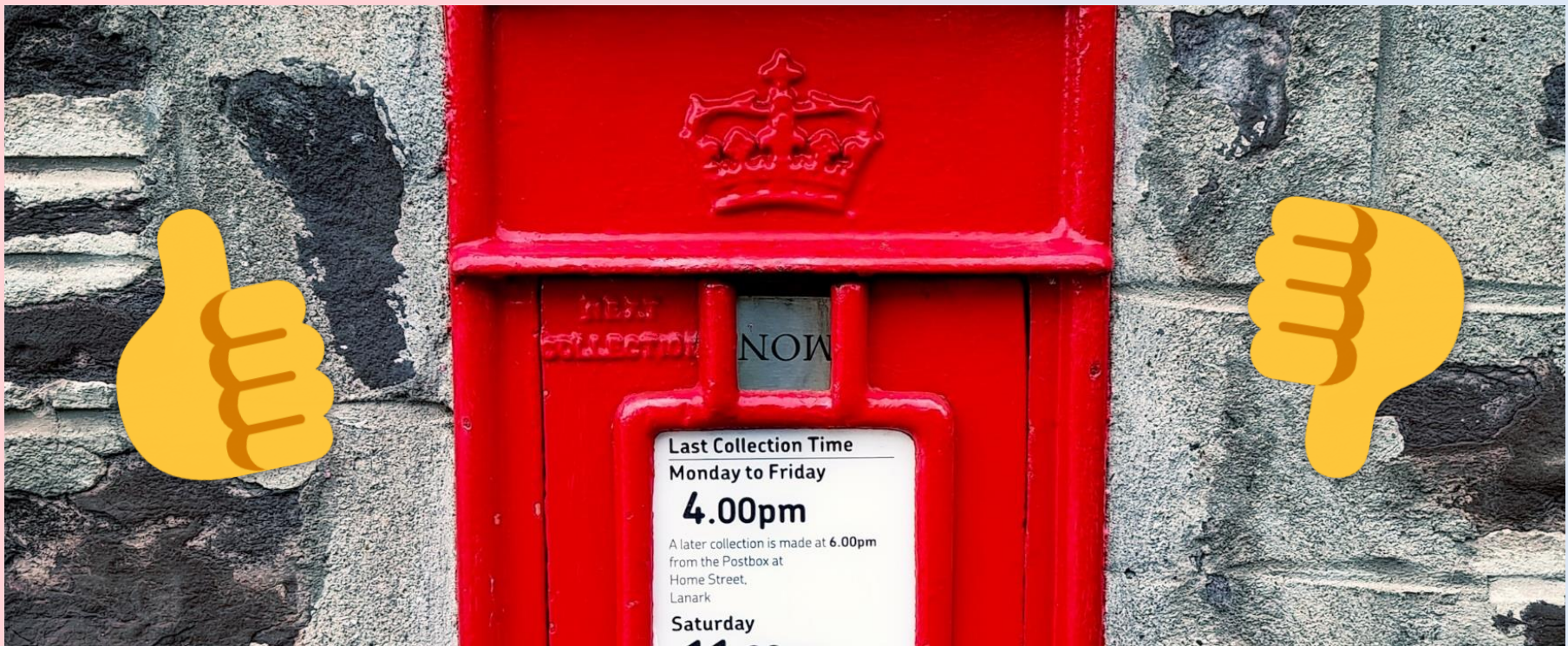
Some of the subpostmasters have been **given money** to make up for the impact it had on their lives.

5 Pushing the envelope



Individual activity (6-8 mins)

On the next few slides, you will see some **Yes** and **No** opinions for today's VoteTopic. Do you **agree** or **disagree** with what they are saying? Give a **thumbs up** for **agree** or **down** for **disagree**.



5 Pushing the envelope



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Challenge (1 min)
Why are some postboxes gold?

5 Pushing the envelope



Do you agree with this opinion?

Giving people money to say sorry will help the subpostmasters live more comfortably in the future.

5 Pushing the envelope



Think of the important things people will have missed while they were in jail. The money can't buy time back.

Do you agree with this opinion?

5 Pushing the envelope



Subpostmasters have lost their jobs, and some have lost their homes. The money can help them to rebuild their lives.

Do you agree with this opinion?



During a TV show on the BBC, the subpostmasters shared their thoughts on the injustice they faced. One person said...

“Justice would be for everybody to be put back to where they would have been had none of this happened. Subpostmasters have lost everything, and they need it giving back.”

Individual reflection (2 mins)

Will the money that the subpostmasters have been given help them to rebuild their lives?

Now's your chance to vote on: "Does money make up for injustice?"

Yes

Giving people money to say sorry will help the subpostmasters live more comfortably in the future.

Money is the only thing that can be given to make up for an injustice like this.

Workers have lost their jobs, and some have lost their homes. The money can help them to rebuild their lives.

I'm shocked it's taken a TV show to get people talking about the injustice the subpostmasters have been through.

People have lost so much. They have had to live with people thinking they are criminals.

Think of the important things people have missed while they were in jail. The money can't buy this time back.

No

We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with Post Office, ITV, Justice for Subpostmasters Alliance, Nadhim Zahawi and Youth Justice Board.
Log in to your VotesforSchools account to submit your vote and leave a comment.