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UK government in geography of England fail

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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 UK government report on its rail network was found to contain geographical mistakes and questionable promises. It is titled "Network North" and was issued after UK leader Rishi Sunak scrapped an infrastructure project called HS2. This was a high-speed rail link connecting the city of Manchester in the north to the south. The report's front cover seems to relocate Manchester 70 km north-west. Network North also committed to upgrading a road on the south coast of England. It also vowed to extend a tram network to Manchester airport. The airport link actually opened in 2014.

Critics are dismayed at the scrapping of HS2. The project was announced with great fanfare by the ruling party in 2012. It was a key policy to "level up" the north. Abandoning HS2 is seen as a U-turn. Just a year ago, Mr Sunak was committed to the rail link. Many people say the government is leaving the north of England with a century-old railway. The High Speed Rail Group said: "Every other major European country has managed to build a high-speed rail network, recognizing it's a vital part of a modern society and economy."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/oct/05/ten-problems-with-rishi-sunaks-network-north-announcement>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A UK government report | a. cover |
| 2. geographical | b. promises |
| 3. questionable | c. a tram network |
| 4. an infrastructure project | d. on its rail network |
| 5. a high-speed rail | e. on the south coast |
| 6. The report's front | f. mistakes |
| 7. upgrading a road | g. link |
| 8. vowed to extend | h. called HS2 |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Critics are dismayed at | a. as a U-turn |
| 2. The project was announced | b. part |
| 3. It was a key | c. has managed to |
| 4. Abandoning HS2 is seen | d. and economy |
| 5. Mr Sunak was committed | e. policy |
| 6. Every other major European country | f. to the rail link |
| 7. it's a vital | g. the scrapping of HS2 |
| 8. a modern society | h. with great fanfare |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A UK government report on its rail network was (1) _____ geographical mistakes and questionable promises. It is titled "Network North" and (2) _____ UK leader Rishi Sunak scrapped an infrastructure project called HS2. This was a high-speed rail link (3) _____ of Manchester in the north to the south. The report's front cover (4) _____ Manchester 70 km north-west. Network North also (5) _____ a road on the south coast of England. It also vowed to extend a tram network to Manchester airport. The airport link (6) _____ 2014.

Critics are (7) _____ scrapping of HS2. The project was announced with (8) _____ the ruling party in 2012. It was a key policy to "level up" the north. Abandoning HS2 is seen as a U-turn. Just a year ago, Mr Sunak (9) _____ the rail link. Many people say the government is (10) _____ of England with a century-old railway. The High Speed Rail Group said: "Every other major European country (11) _____ build a high-speed rail network, recognizing it's a (12) _____ a modern society and economy."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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GEOGRAPHY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about geography 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) _____

