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London St Pancras best railway station in Europe

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A London railway station is the best station in Europe. The station is London St Pancras, also called St Pancras International. It is an international station because of the Eurostar trains to France, Belgium and Holland. St Pancras was named the best station by the Consumer Choice Centre (CCC), which asks passengers every year about their opinions on Europe's stations. There are questions on a survey about ease of access, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of staff, and platforms. There is also a question about the number of days station staff went on strike.

St Pancras is the only UK station in the top ten. Zurich Central was number two and Leipzig Central came in third. Five of the top ten stations are in Germany. They were Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. The CCC commented on the beauty of St Pancras. It said: "St Pancras does not just look like a station from another world, it also leads this index as Europe's best railway station." It gave points to stations that went to great destinations on the continent and had a mix of shops, restaurants and services. St Pancras was built in a gothic style and opened in 1868.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the best station | a. access |
| 2. It is an international | b. number of days |
| 3. Eurostar trains to | c. station |
| 4. their opinions on Europe's | d. on strike |
| 5. ease of | e. in Europe |
| 6. friendliness | f. stations |
| 7. a question about the | g. France |
| 8. staff went | h. of staff |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the only UK station in | a. and services |
| 2. Zurich Central was | b. ten stations |
| 3. Five of the top | c. gothic style |
| 4. commented on the beauty | d. number two |
| 5. look like a station from | e. on the continent |
| 6. went to great destinations | f. the top ten |
| 7. a mix of shops, restaurants | g. another world |
| 8. St Pancras was built in a | h. of St Pancras |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A London (1) _____ the best station in Europe. The station is London St Pancras, also called St Pancras International. It is an international station (2) _____ Eurostar trains to France, Belgium and Holland. St Pancras was (3) _____ station by the Consumer Choice Centre (CCC), which asks passengers every year about (4) _____ Europe's stations. There are questions on a survey about (5) _____, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of staff, and platforms. There is also a question about the number of days station staff (6) _____.

St Pancras is the only UK station in (7) _____. Zurich Central was number two and Leipzig Central (8) _____. Five of the top ten stations are in Germany. They were Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. The CCC commented on (9) _____ St Pancras. It said: "St Pancras does not (10) _____ a station from another world, it also leads this index as Europe's best railway station." It gave points to stations that went to great destinations on the continent and (11) _____ of shops, restaurants and services. St Pancras was (12) _____ gothic style and opened in 1868.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RAILWAY STATIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Railway stations 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Railway stations** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
