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London St Pancras best railway station in Europe

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

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St Pancras was the only UK station in the top ten. Zurich Central Station was number two and Leipzig Central Station came in third. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. They were Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. A spokesman from the Consumer Choice Centre commented on the beauty of St Pancras, which was built in a gothic style and opened in 1868. The spokesman said: "London St Pancras does not just look like a station from another world, it also leads this index as Europe's best railway station." He added: "High points were awarded to the stations that offered great destinations around the continent and also had a healthy mix of shops, restaurants and conveniences."

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WARM-UPS

1. RAILWAY STATIONS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about railway stations. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

London / railway station / international / France / Belgium / Holland / passenger / top ten / consumer / beauty / gothic / destination / continent / shops / restaurants

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. RAIL: Students A **strongly** believe rail is the best way to travel; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE BEST: What are the best of these things and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The Best	Why?
Airport		
Car		
Shop		
Website		
Sightseeing spot		
Colour		

5. EUROPE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Europe". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. DESTINATION: Rank these with your partner. Put the best destination at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Tokyo
- Sydney
- Rio de Janeiro
- Mexico City
- San Francisco
- London
- Delhi
- Nairobi

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. named | a. What someone thinks about something. |
| 2. passenger | b. Gave someone a position or gave something a rank on a "best of" list. |
| 3. consumer | c. A person who buys things and services for personal use. |
| 4. opinion | d. How easy it is to reach or get somewhere. |
| 5. survey | e. The long part of a railway station where people wait to get on a train or step onto to get off a train. |
| 6. accessibility | f. A traveler on a bus, train, boat or in a car, airplane, etc. but not the driver, pilot, or crew. |
| 7. platform | g. A list of questions used to find out about the opinions or experiences of a group of people. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. spokesman | h. A list of things. |
| 9. gothic | i. Two or more different qualities, things, or people put together. |
| 10. conveniences | j. Any of the world's seven main continuous area of land (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America). |
| 11. index | k. Toilets / restrooms (British English). |
| 12. destination | l. The place where someone or something is going. |
| 13. continent | m. A man who makes statements on behalf of a group or individual. |
| 14. mix | n. Of or in the style of architecture that was in western Europe in the 12th–16th centuries. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. St Pancras in London was named the world's best railway station. **T / F**
- b. St Pancras is an international train station. **T / F**
- c. Passengers were asked about accessibility, cleanliness and connectivity. **T / F**
- d. A survey question was about how many days rail staff went on strike. **T / F**
- e. Five of Europe's top ten railway stations are in Germany. **T / F**
- f. The London St Pancras railway station was built in 1868. **T / F**
- g. A spokesman said St Pancras looked like any other railway station. **T / F**
- h. High points were given to stations for having multilingual staff. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. start | a. questionnaire |
| 2. opinions | b. combination |
| 3. survey | c. for the whole of |
| 4. staff | d. list |
| 5. throughout | e. attractiveness |
| 6. top | f. thoughts |
| 7. beauty | g. given |
| 8. index | h. workers |
| 9. awarded | i. begin |
| 10. mix | j. best |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. named as the | a. style |
| 2. asks rail passengers every year | b. platforms |
| 3. Passengers answer questions on a | c. ten stations |
| 4. the number of | d. about their opinions |
| 5. the number of days station staff went | e. the continent |
| 6. the only UK station in | f. survey |
| 7. Five of the top | g. best station in Europe |
| 8. built in a gothic | h. another world |
| 9. like a station from | i. on strike |
| 10. great destinations around | j. the top ten |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

A railway station in London has been (1) _____ as the best station in Europe for passengers. The station is London St Pancras, which is (2) _____ called St Pancras International. It is an international station because the Eurostar (3) _____ to France, Belgium and Holland start there. St Pancras was chosen as the best railway station in Europe by the Consumer Choice Centre. This organisation asks rail (4) _____ every year about their (5) _____ on different stations in Europe. Passengers answer questions on a (6) _____ about accessibility, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of (7) _____, and the number of platforms. There is also a question about the number of days station staff went on strike (8) _____ the year.

also
passengers
staff
trains
survey
throughout
named
opinions

St Pancras was the only UK station in the (9) _____ ten. Zurich Central Station was number two and Leipzig Central Station came in (10) _____. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. They were Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. A spokesman from the Consumer Choice Centre commented on the (11) _____ of St Pancras, which was built in a gothic (12) _____ and opened in 1868. The spokesman said: "London St Pancras does not just look like a station from another (13) _____, it also leads this (14) _____ as Europe's best railway station." He added: "High points were awarded to the stations that offered great (15) _____ around the continent and also had a healthy (16) _____ of shops, restaurants and conveniences."

style
top
destinations
third
world
beauty
mix
index

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

- 1) A railway station in London has been named as the best station in Europe _____
 - a. for passenger
 - b. for passers by
 - c. for pass angers
 - d. for passengers
- 2) This organisation asks rail passengers every year _____
 - a. about them opinions
 - b. about they opinions
 - c. about their opinions
 - d. about they're opinions
- 3) Passengers answer questions on _____ accessibility
 - a. a scurvey about
 - b. a survey about
 - c. a servile about
 - d. a surver about
- 4) cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of staff, and the _____
 - a. number of platform
 - b. number of platforms
 - c. number of plait forms
 - d. number of plaited forms
- 5) There is also a question about the number of days station staff _____
 - a. wanting strike
 - b. went an strike
 - c. went in strike
 - d. went on strike
- 6) St Pancras was the only UK station in _____
 - a. the tops ten
 - b. the stop ten
 - c. the top ten
 - d. the topped ten
- 7) A spokesman from the Consumer Choice Centre commented on _____ St Pancras
 - a. the beauty of
 - b. the beautiful of
 - c. the bounty of
 - d. the booty of
- 8) London St Pancras does not just look like a station _____
 - a. from other world
 - b. from another word
 - c. from others ward
 - d. from another world
- 9) awarded to the stations that offered great destinations _____
 - a. around the continent
 - b. abound the continent
 - c. astound the continent
 - d. aground the continent
- 10) and also had a healthy mix of shops, restaurants _____
 - a. end conveniences
 - b. and conveniences
 - c. an conveniences
 - d. aid conveniences

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

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St Pancras was the only UK station in (7) _____. Zurich Central Station was number two and Leipzig Central Station came in third. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. They were Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. A (8) _____ Consumer Choice Centre commented on the beauty of St Pancras, which was built in a gothic (9) _____ in 1868. The spokesman said: "London St Pancras does not just look like a station from another world, it also (10) _____ as Europe's best railway station." He added: "High points were awarded to the stations that offered (11) _____ the continent and also had a (12) _____ shops, restaurants and conveniences."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

1. What is another name for London St Pancras?
2. Where do trains go to from St Pancras besides Belgium and France?
3. What is the name of the organisation that conducted a survey?
4. Who did passengers answer questions about the friendliness of?
5. What was there also a survey question on?
6. What railway station was second on the list?
7. How many German stations were in the top ten?
8. What style was St Pancras built in?
9. In what year did St Pancras open?
10. What did stations get points for offering?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

- 1) What is another name for London St Pancras?
 - a) London Global
 - b) St Pancras International
 - c) Bob
 - d) UK Gateway
- 2) Where do trains go to from St Pancras besides Belgium and France?
 - a) Dublin
 - b) Edinburgh
 - c) Barcelona
 - d) Holland
- 3) What is the name of the organisation that conducted a survey?
 - a) Consumer Centre of Choice
 - b) Centre for Consumer Choice
 - c) Consumer Choice Centre
 - d) Bob
- 4) Who did passengers answer questions about the friendliness of?
 - a) staff
 - b) Bob
 - c) other passengers
 - d) tourists
- 5) What was there also a survey question on?
 - a) the best time to travel
 - b) the number of days staff went on strike
 - c) ticket prices
 - d) Bob
- 6) What railway station was second on the list?
 - a) Zurich
 - b) Madrid
 - c) Oslo
 - d) Munich
- 7) How many German stations were in the top ten?
 - a) 3
 - b) 4
 - c) 5
 - d) 6
- 8) What style was St Pancras built in?
 - a) gothic
 - b) art deco
 - c) brutalism
 - d) post modern
- 9) In what year did St Pancras open?
 - a) 1920
 - b) 1966
 - c) 1066
 - d) 1868
- 10) What did stations get points for offering?
 - a) multilingual staff
 - b) hotels
 - c) great destinations
 - d) delicious croissants and coffee

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

Role A – Tokyo

You think Tokyo is the best destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, London or Delhi.

Role B – Rio de Janeiro

You think Rio de Janeiro is the best destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Tokyo, London or Delhi.

Role C – London

You think London is the best destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo or Delhi.

Role D – Delhi

You think Delhi is the best destination. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their destinations. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Rio de Janeiro, London or Tokyo.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'train' and 'station'.

train	station

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• named• called• chosen• year• survey• days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• top• five• beauty• just• high• mix
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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.

RAILWAY STATIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'railway'?
3. What is your favourite railway station?
4. How important are railway stations?
5. How important are 'best of' lists?
6. What do you know about London railway stations?
7. Are underground or over ground stations best?
8. How friendly are staff at your nearest railway station?
9. What questions should be on a survey about railway stations?
10. What score out of ten would you give your nearest railway station?

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RAILWAY STATIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'station'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of travelling by rail?
15. What railway journey around the world would you like to take?
16. Why do you think so many German stations were on the list?
17. What services do railway stations need?
18. What railway station would you like to visit?
19. What do you think of railway stations in space?
20. What questions would you like to ask London St Pancras?

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. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) named | (b) naming | (c) names | (d) name |
| 2. | (a) although | (b) however | (c) because | (d) so |
| 3. | (a) so | (b) if | (c) as | (d) on |
| 4. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) at | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) cleanser | (b) cleanse | (c) cleanliness | (d) cleansing |
| 6. | (a) stricken | (b) strike | (c) struck | (d) stroke |
| 7. | (a) gave | (b) came | (c) left | (d) done |
| 8. | (a) booty | (b) beauty | (c) bounty | (d) beautify |
| 9. | (a) other | (b) others | (c) another | (d) the others |
| 10. | (a) those | (b) these | (c) thus | (d) this |
| 11. | (a) destined | (b) disdains | (c) destines | (d) destinations |
| 12. | (a) well | (b) nutritious | (c) wellbeing | (d) healthy |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

Paragraph 1

1. the best station in Europe for srsgenapes
2. their spiinono on different stations
3. a seyrvu about accessibility
4. friendliness of tsfaf
5. the number of tarfopmls
6. went on strike ugohtourth the year

Paragraph 2

7. the teybua of St Pancras
8. built in a citohg style
9. High points were rdaeawd to the stations
10. great iastinotsde around the continent
11. a eahlyht mix of shops
12. restaurants and einvecoenns

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () about accessibility, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of staff, and the number of platforms. There is also
- () two and Leipzig Central Station came in third. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. They were
- () St Pancras was the only UK station in the top ten. Zurich Central Station was number
- () a question about the number of days station staff went on strike throughout the year.
- () best railway station." He added: "High points were awarded to the stations that offered great
- () by the Consumer Choice Centre. This organisation asks rail passengers every year about their
- () to France, Belgium and Holland start there. St Pancras was chosen as the best railway station in Europe
- (**1**) A railway station in London has been named as the best station in Europe for passengers. The station is
- () beauty of St Pancras, which was built in a gothic style and opened in 1868. The spokesman said: "London St Pancras does not just
- () look like a station from another world, it also leads this index as Europe's
- () London St Pancras, which is also called St Pancras International. It is an international station because the Eurostar trains
- () opinions on different stations in Europe. Passengers answer questions on a survey
- () Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. A spokesman from the Consumer Choice Centre commented on the
- () destinations around the continent and also had a healthy mix of shops, restaurants and conveniences."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

1. best Named for as passengers . the station
2. station . St Pancras was as best railway chosen the
3. every asks This passengers rail organisation year .
4. answer Passengers accessibility . a on about questions survey
5. on staff days strike . number of The went
6. only ten . in top the station The UK
7. the Germany . of Five stations in top ten
8. looks another a like world . It station from
9. this index best . as leads Europe's also It
10. offered the Stations great around continent . destinations

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

A railway station in London has been *naming / named* as the best station in Europe for passengers. The station is London St Pancras, which is also called St Pancras International. It is an international station *however / because* the Eurostar trains to France, Belgium and Holland *starting / start* there. St Pancras was chosen as the *best / well* railway station in Europe by the Consumer Choice Centre. This organisation asks *trail / rail* passengers every year about their opinions *in / on* different stations in Europe. Passengers answer questions on a *scurvy / survey* about accessibility, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of *staff / stuff*, and the number of platforms. There is also a question about the *numeral / number* of days station staff went on *strike / stroke* throughout the year.

St Pancras was the *just / only* UK station in the top ten. Zurich Central Station was number *two / twice* and Leipzig Central Station came in third. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. They were Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leipzig and Munich. A spokesman from *a / the* Consumer Choice Centre commented on the *booty / beauty* of St Pancras, which was *built / build* in a gothic style and opened *on / in* 1868. The spokesman said: "London St Pancras does not just look like a station from *others / another* world, it also leads this *index / decimal* as Europe's best railway station." He added: "High points were *rewarded / awarded* to the stations that offered great destinations around the continent and also had a *healthy / wellbeing* mix of shops, restaurants and conveniences."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station.html>

A r__ l w_y s t_t__ n _n L_n d_n h_s b__ n n_m_d
s th b_s t s t_t__ n _n E_r_p_ f_r p_s s_n g_r s .
Th_ s t_t__ n _s L_n d_n S t P_n c_r_s , wh_c h _s
_l_s_ c_l_l_d S t P_n c_r_s I_n t_r_n_t__ n_l . It _s
_n _n t_r_n_t__ n_l s t_t__ n b_c__ s_ th_ E_r_s t_r
t_r__ n_s t_ F_r_n_c_ , B_l_g__ m _n d H_l_l_n d s t_r t
t_h_r_ . S t P_n c_r_s w_s ch_s_n _s th_ b_s t r__
l w_y s t_t__ n _n E_r_p_ b_y th_ C_n s_m_r C_h__
c_ C_n t_r_ . Th_s _r_g_n_s_t__ n _s k_s r__ l p_s s_n
g_r s _v_r_y y__ r _b__ t th__ r _p_n__ n_s _n d_f
f_r_n t s t_t__ n_s _n E_r_p_ . P_s s_n g_r s _n s w_r
q__ s t__ n_s _n _ s_r_v_y _b__ t _c_c_s_s_b_l_t_y , c
l__ n_l_n_s_s , c_n n_c_t_v_t_y , f_r__ n_d_l_n_s_s _f s
t_f_f , _n d th_ n_m_b_r _f p_l_t_f_r_m_s . Th_r_ _s
_l_s_ _ q__ s t__ n _b__ t th_ n_m_b_r _f d_y_s s
t_t__ n s t_f_f w_n t _n s t_r_k_ t_h_r__ g_h__ t th_
y__ r .

S t P_n c_r_s w_s th_ _n_l_y U K s t_t__ n _n th_
t_p t_n . Z_r_c_h C_n t_r_l S t_t__ n w_s n_m_b_r
t_w_ _n d L__ p_z_g C_n t_r_l S t_t__ n c_m_ _n th_r
d . F_v_ _f th_ t_p t_n s t_t__ n_s w_r_ _n G_r
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_w_r_d_d t_ th_ s t_t__ n_s th_t _f_f_r_d g_r__ t
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h_d _ h__ l_t_h_y m_x _f s_h_p_s , r_s t__ r_n_t_s _n
d c_n v_n__ n_c_s . "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a railway station in london has been named as the best station in europe for passengers. the station is london st pancras, which is also called st pancras international. it is an international station because the eurostar trains to france, belgium and holland start there. st pancras was chosen as the best railway station in europe by the consumer choice centre. this organisation asks rail passengers every year about their opinions on different stations in europe. passengers answer questions on a survey about accessibility, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of staff, and the number of platforms. there is also a question about the number of days station staff went on strike throughout the year.

st pancras was the only uk station in the top ten. zurich central station was number two and leipzig central station came in third. five of the top ten stations were in germany. they were berlin, frankfurt, hamburg, leipzig and munich. a spokesman from the consumer choice centre commented on the beauty of st pancras, which was built in a gothic style and opened in 1868. the spokesman said: "london st pancras does not just look like a station from another world, it also leads this index as europe's best railway station." he added: "high points were awarded to the stations that offered great destinations around the continent and also had a healthy mix of shops, restaurants and conveniences

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **railway stations** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

Lined area for writing the response.

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. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. RAILWAY STATIONS: Make a poster about railway stations. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. UNDERGROUND: Write a magazine article about moving all railway stations underground. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. 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.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on railway stations. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on the best railway station. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e T f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. f	3. a	4. h	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. d	9. g	10. b

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. St Pancras International
2. Holland
3. The Consumer Choice Centre
4. Staff
5. The number of days staff went on strike
6. Zurich
7. Five
8. Gothic
9. 1868
10. Great destinations

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Named as the best station for passengers.
2. St Pancras was chosen as the best railway station.
3. This organisation asks rail passengers every year.
4. Passengers answer questions on a survey about accessibility.
5. The number of days staff went on strike.
6. The only UK station in the top ten.
7. Five of the top ten stations in Germany.
8. It looks like a station from another world.
9. It also leads this index as Europe's best.
10. Stations offered great destinations around the continent.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)