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**Level 4 – 9th October 2023**

## **UK government in geography of England fail**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231009-uk-geography-4.html>

A UK government transport report was found to contain geographical mistakes. The "Network North" report was made after the government scrapped a project called HS2. This was a high-speed rail link connecting the north of England to the south. The report seems to relocate Manchester. It also promised to upgrade a road on the south coast of England. In addition, it vowed to build a tram to Manchester airport. The airport tram opened in 2014.

Critics are shocked at the end of HS2. It was announced by the ruling party in 2012 to "level up" the north. Abandoning it is a U-turn. A year ago, the government was committed to HS2. Now, 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."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231009-uk-geography-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. contain geographical         | a. build a tram         |
| 2. the government scrapped a    | b. the north of England |
| 3. a high-speed rail            | c. Manchester           |
| 4. connecting                   | d. opened in 2014       |
| 5. The report seems to relocate | e. mistakes             |
| 6. upgrade a road               | f. project called HS2   |
| 7. it vowed to                  | g. on the south coast   |
| 8. The airport tram             | h. link                 |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Critics are                        | a. has managed to      |
| 2. It was announced                   | b. the north           |
| 3. level up                           | c. and economy         |
| 4. Abandoning it is                   | d. to HS2              |
| 5. the government was committed       | e. shocked             |
| 6. Every other major European country | f. by the ruling party |
| 7. recognizing it's a vital           | g. a U-turn            |
| 8. a modern society                   | h. part                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Critics are shocked at the end of HS2. It was announced by (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2012 to "level up" the north. Abandoning it is a U-turn. A year ago, the government (8) \_\_\_\_\_ HS2. Now, the government is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of England with a century-old railway. The High Speed Rail Group said: "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ European country has managed to build a high-speed rail network, recognizing it's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of a modern (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231009-uk-geography-4.html>

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# GEOGRAPHY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2310/231009-uk-geography-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

