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London St Pancras best railway station in Europe

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station-0.html>

London St Pancras is the best railway station in Europe. It has Eurostar trains that go to France, Belgium and Holland. In a survey, passengers answered questions about cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of staff and platforms. There was also a question about how often staff went on strike.

St Pancras is the only UK station in the top ten. Zurich Central and Leipzig Central were second and third. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. Passengers said St Pancras was beautiful. It was built in a gothic style and opened in 1868. It looks like it is "from another world". It has a good mix of shops and restaurants.

Sources: <https://www.cityam.com/london-st-pancras-tops-list-of-europes-best-train-stations/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the best railway station | a. France |
| 2. It has Eurostar | b. about cleanliness |
| 3. go to | c. strike |
| 4. In | d. trains |
| 5. answered questions | e. often |
| 6. friendliness | f. a survey |
| 7. a question about how | g. of staff |
| 8. staff went on | h. in Europe |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. St Pancras is the | a. and restaurants |
| 2. in the top | b. stations |
| 3. second and | c. was beautiful |
| 4. Five of the top ten | d. only UK station |
| 5. Passengers said St Pancras | e. another world |
| 6. It was built in a | f. ten |
| 7. It looks like it is from | g. gothic style |
| 8. a good mix of shops | h. third |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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London St Pancras is (1) _____ station in Europe.

It has Eurostar (2) _____ to France, Belgium and

Holland. (3) _____, passengers answered

questions about cleanliness, connectivity, (4) _____

and platforms. There was (5) _____ about how

often staff (6) _____.

St Pancras (7) _____ UK station in

(8) _____. Zurich Central and Leipzig Central

were (9) _____. Five of the top ten stations were

in Germany. Passengers said St Pancras was beautiful. It was

built in (10) _____ and opened in 1868. It looks

like it is "(11) _____". It has a good mix

(12) _____ restaurants.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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RAILWAY STATIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station-4.html>

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) _____

