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London St Pancras best railway station in Europe

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station-1.html>

London St Pancras is the best railway station in Europe. It is also called St Pancras International because of the Eurostar trains to France, Belgium and Holland. A travel centre asked passengers about their opinions on Europe's stations. There were questions on the ease of access, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of staff, and platforms. There was 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 and Leipzig Central were second and third. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. They included Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich. The travel centre commented on the beauty of St Pancras. It was built in a gothic style and opened in 1868. It said St Pancras looks like it is "from another world". It goes to great destinations in Europe and has a good mix of shops, restaurants and services.

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. the best railway station | a. of staff |
| 2. Eurostar trains to | b. passengers |
| 3. A travel centre asked | c. on strike |
| 4. opinions on Europe's | d. of access |
| 5. questions on the ease | e. France |
| 6. friendliness | f. number of days |
| 7. a question about the | g. stations |
| 8. station staff went | h. in Europe |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200225-railway-station-1.html>

London St Pancras (1) _____ railway station in Europe. It is also called St Pancras International (2) _____ Eurostar trains to France, Belgium and Holland. A travel centre asked passengers about (3) _____ Europe's stations. There were questions on the (4) _____, cleanliness, connectivity, friendliness of (5) _____. There was also a question about the number of days station staff (6) _____.

St Pancras (7) _____ UK station in the top ten. Zurich Central and Leipzig Central were (8) _____. Five of the top ten stations were in Germany. They included Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich. The travel centre commented (9) _____ of St Pancras. It was built in (10) _____ and opened in 1868. It said St Pancras looks like it is "from another world". It (11) _____ destinations in Europe and has a (12) _____ shops, restaurants and services.

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) _____

