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Teacher's Copy

Spelling

The Chunnel



Instructions:

- Explain to the pupils that the complete passage will be read aloud while they follow in their own booklet.
- Explain to the pupils that they will hear the passage a second time and they should write in the words spoken by the teacher in the correct gaps.
- Allow the pupils sufficient time to write in the missing word before continuing to read the passage.

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There is now a tunnel under the English Channel which is called 'The Chunnel'. In the _____ *past* _____, travelling between England and France by sea involved hopping on and off ferries. For anyone _____ *suffering* _____ from seasickness, this was definitely the worst part of _____ *their* _____ journey. It took _____ *nearly* _____ 200 years of debate and planning, but finally, in 1994, the Chunnel was built.



A French engineer proposed the _____ *original* _____ idea for a cross-channel tunnel in 1802. However, because the _____ *available* _____ technology was limited, this plan was abandoned.

Over the years, various schemes were proposed, but plans were always _____ *stopped* _____.

While many people _____ *thought* _____ it might be _____ *useful* _____ to have a channel tunnel, others feared it would leave them open to invasion. It took until 1987 for the _____ *decision* _____ to be made and England and France _____ *signed* _____ an agreement permitting the building of the Channel Tunnel between the two _____ *countries* _____.

The Chunnel is more than 50 kilometres long and the _____ *deepest* _____ point is almost 115 metres below sea level.

The new railway system opened in 1994, making _____ *holiday* _____ and business trips much easier. Travellers can now go _____ *straight* _____ from London to Paris in less than three hours.

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