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# 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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