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Level 4 – 20th January 2025

U.K. village makes theme park from its potholed roads

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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U.K. roads are in a dire condition. One village decided to mock them with a "pothole theme park". Pothole Land opened last week in Wales. Visitors get to experience one of the UK's most badly potholed roads. The park's potholes are "the deepest, longest and widest in Wales". Drivers get to navigate "two kilometres of potholes, with very little actual road to spoil the fun". One villager joked that, "they're not potholes, they're bomb craters".

UK investment in roads has been poor. It is impossible to drive without seeing potholes. A villager complained that no repairs had been done to his roads in five years. Another villager complained about the "phenomenal" cost of car repairs because of potholes. Even garbage collection drivers refuse to drive to some areas. The U.K. government will spend \$1.95 billion over the next two years to repair seven million potholes.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c62q74xyq15o>
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/seven-million-more-potholes-to-be-filled-next-year-as-public-urged-to-report-roads-in-need-of-repair>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. U.K. roads are in a dire | a. experience one |
| 2. One village decided to mock | b. craters |
| 3. Pothole Land opened | c. condition |
| 4. Visitors get to | d. and widest |
| 5. the UK's most badly | e. them |
| 6. the deepest, longest | f. the fun |
| 7. very little actual road to spoil | g. last week |
| 8. they're not potholes, they're bomb | h. potholed roads |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. UK investment in roads | a. drivers |
| 2. impossible to drive without | b. cost |
| 3. A villager | c. seven million potholes |
| 4. no repairs had been | d. complained |
| 5. complained about the "phenomenal" | e. to drive |
| 6. garbage collection | f. seeing potholes |
| 7. refuse | g. done to his roads |
| 8. repair | h. has been poor |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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U.K. roads are in (1) _____. One village decided to mock them with a "pothole theme park". Pothole Land opened last week in Wales. Visitors (2) _____ one of the UK's most badly potholed roads. The park's potholes are "the deepest, longest and widest in Wales". Drivers (3) _____ "two kilometres of potholes, with (4) _____ road to (5) _____". One villager joked that, "they're not potholes, (6) _____".

UK investment in roads (7) _____. It is impossible to drive without seeing potholes. A villager (8) _____ repairs had been done (9) _____ in five years. Another villager complained about the "phenomenal" cost (10) _____ because of potholes. Even garbage collection drivers refuse to drive (11) _____. The U.K. government will spend \$1.95 billion over the next two (12) _____ seven million potholes.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ROADS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about roads 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **roads** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
