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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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