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海峡隧道

在英吉利海峡底下挖隧道是一个已经实现了的幻想。人们在拿破仑时代就谈论过这件事。只是到了 1988 年才开始动工。千百名工人在海床下面 100 米深处工作。他们操纵着巨大的钻磨轮机打穿了岩石。

查利·帕克斯和路易士·都弗维是其中的两名工人，他们最后在寒冷的英吉利海峡下面相会了。

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The Channel Tunnel

Doreen Munro

The tunnel under the Channel is a fairy story come true! People talked about it in Napoleon's time. Only in 1988 was it started. Hundreds of men worked at 100 meters under the sea bed. They operated the enormous wheels that cut through the rock.

Charlie Parks and Louis Duvivier were two of these men who worked and finally met under the cold English Channel.

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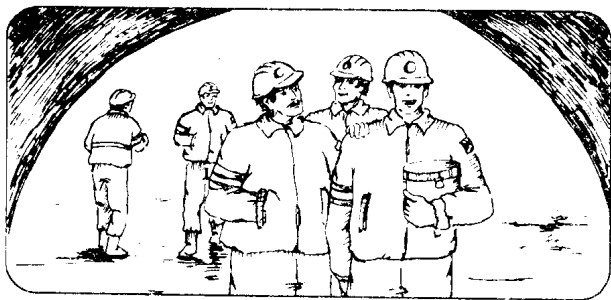
THEY ARE WRITTEN IN AN EASY ENGLISH.

THE ACTIVITIES AND GAMES MAKE THE BOOKS
GOOD FUN TOO!

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THE CHANNEL TUNNEL

Everyday, Charlie Parks and Louis Duvivier picked up¹ their lunch boxes², kissed their wives good-bye and went to work. These two men both³ worked at the Channel Tunnel. Charlie never saw or spoke to Louis. Charlie worked in Folkestone and Louis worked in Calais! The English Channel separates these two towns. When the tunnel opened, Great Britain was no longer⁴ an island!



1. **to pick up:** to take in your hand.
2. **lunch box:** a container to put your picnic lunch in.
3. **both:** the two together.
4. **no longer:** no more.

ACTIVITY

 Put the letters below in the correct order and find out what Charlie has got in his ! box.

RTWAE – OTMOTA – DINHSWAC

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PLEPA – PUC RPEPA – SRSPCI
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SANDWICH



APPLE



CRISPS



TOMATO



HOT DOG



PAPER CUP



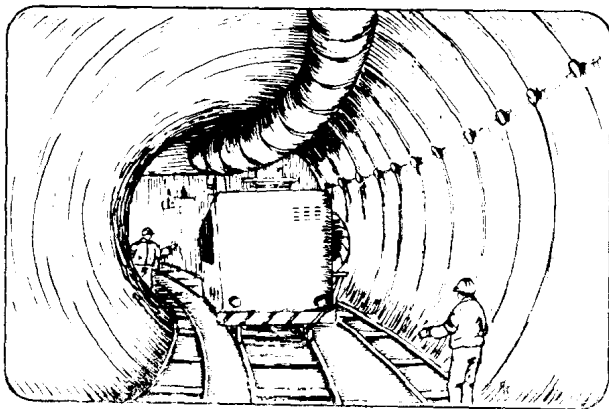
BANANA



WATER



Charlie and Louis started work on the Tunnel in 1988. The men had a difficult job! They operated massive¹ wheels² at 100 meters under the sea bed³. These wheels had huge teeth that rotated. They cut through 20 metres of the hard⁴ chalk⁵ rock every day. Other men put the rock in lorries and took it to the surface.

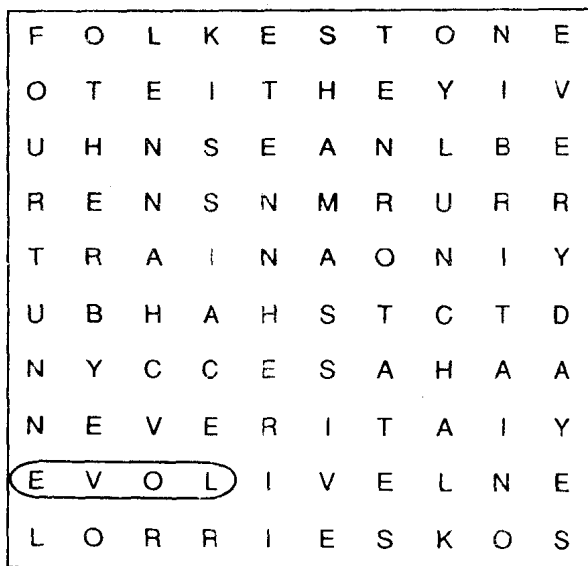


1. **massive/huge**: very big.
2. **wheel**: wheels rotate and vehicles or machines move forwards or backwards. (A bicycle has got two wheels and a car four.)
3. **sea bed**: the bottom of the sea.
4. **hard** is the opposite of soft.
5. **chalk**: teachers write on blackboards with chalk.

ACTIVITY



Find the word.



Write the words you find on the lines.

Love,

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"**B**onjour: Je m'appelle Charlie," said Charlie.

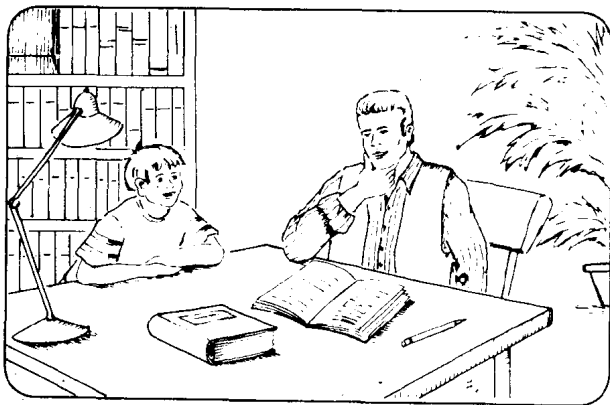
"Why are you learning¹ French, dad?" Charlie's son Roy asked.

"Because, when we meet² the French workers³ in the middle⁴ of the tunnel, I want to speak to them in French."

In Calais, Louis was studying English!


"How ARE you do?" said Louis.

"No, no, no. How DO you do?" Corinne corrected her father. "Your English is dreadful⁵."



1. **to learn** is the opposite of to teach.
2. **to meet**: to see.
3. **worker**: a person who works.
4. **middle**: centre.
5. **dreadful**: terrible.

ACTIVITY

 **Look at the text again. Write these sentences in the correct order.**

English was studying André.

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them to speak to want I.

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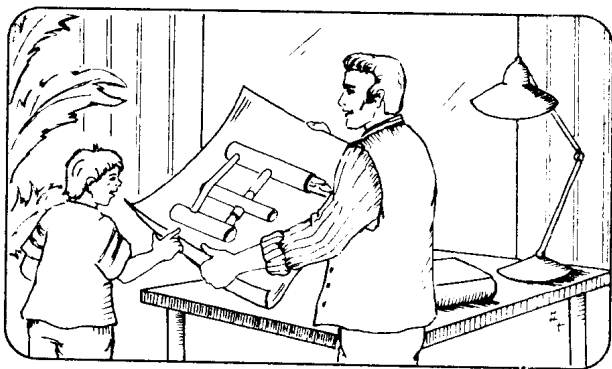
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Roy and Louis's daughter Corinne were very curious¹ about the tunnel. Every evening, when their fathers arrived home from work, they always asked a lot of questions.

"How many tunnels are there?" Roy asked his father.


"There are two tunnels for the trains. They are thirty-one miles² long, and 7.6 metres in diameter," Charlie answered.

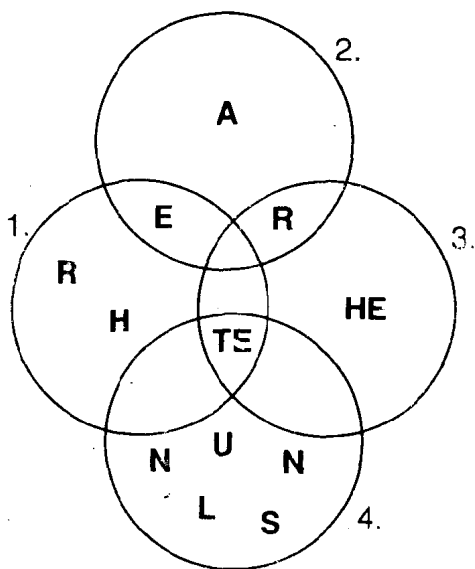
"There is a third, smaller tunnel in the centre. That is for maintaince³ and ventilation⁴."



1. **curious:** interested.
2. **one mile** = 1609 metres.
3. **maintaince:** to keep a machine in good working order.
4. **ventilation:** a means of supplying fresh air.

ACTIVITY

 All the letters in each circle make a word. The words make a sentence from the text. What is it?



The sentence is:

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"The trains will be very, very modern." Louis told his daughter, "When the cars and lorries arrive at the Channel, they can drive straight on¹ the train."

"But the trains are too small!" said Corinne.


"Some of the tunnel trains are bigger² and wider³ than normal trains," explained her father.

"The cars will go on double decker⁴ trains," continued Louis, "and coaches and caravans will go on single decker⁵ trains. The lorries will go on the bigger trains."

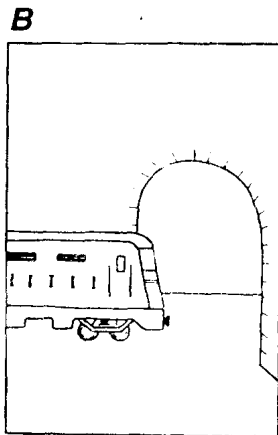
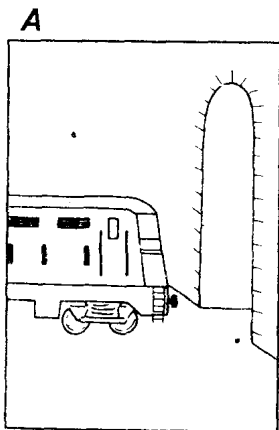


1. **straight on**: directly on.
2. **bigger**: comparative of big.
3. **wider**: comparative of wide.
4. **double decker**: a train or bus with two floors.
5. **single decker**: an ordinary train or bus with only one floor.

ACTIVITY

 Using the comparative words below, write the differences you find between picture A and picture B.

Wider – Bigger – Smaller – Longer – Shorter.



The tunnel in picture B is wider.

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