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Unit 3_Advanced reading 1

Trains make the world go round

Stand back! A famous train is coming into the station! It's called the Shinkansen, although many people call it the bullet train because of its long-pointed nose.

These Japanese trains, invented by Hideo Shima in the early 1960s, are amazing. They are among the fastest trains in the world. The journey from Tokyo to Nagano used to take three hours. Now, with the bullet train, which travels at 300 kilometers per hour (186 miles per hour), it takes just 79 minutes. Bullet trains are always on time (although once it was 42 seconds late!) and they are very comfortable. As you sit on the train, you don't feel like you are moving at all. And, because they run on electricity, they are very quiet. But don't fall asleep. There is a lot to see. The bullet train travels across 300 bridges and you can see the wonderful Mount Fuji through the window, too.

In fact, trains are popular in many parts of the world, not just in Japan. Every day, billions of people round the world travel by train, especially in China, India and Europe. Trains are the fastest way to travel on land, and they are the safest way, too (cars and buses are much more dangerous!). And although most trains are more expensive than they used to be, trains still make the world go round!

I. Write T (True) or F (False).

1. The Shinkansen is called the bullet train because of its shape. ……..

2. The bullet train is one of the slowest trains in the world. ……..

3. Billions people take the bullet train every day. ……..

4. Trains are very popular in many parts of the world. ……..

5. Trains used to be cheaper than they are today. ……..

II. Match the sentences.

1. Bullet trains are very	**a.** on time.
2. When you are on the train,	**b.** hundreds bridges.
3. The trains travel at	**c.** quiet.
4. The bullet train travels across	**d.** you feel like you aren't moving.
5. The trains are always	**e.** around 300 kilometers per hour.

III. Answer the questions.

1.Who invented the Shinkansen?

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2. How long does it take from Tokyo to Nagano by bullet trains?

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