FIRST Reading and Use of English Part 2 – Roman Roads: The origin of the 'highway'

*For questions **1 – 8**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use **only one word** in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).*

Roman Roads – The origin of the 'highway'

Joining the towns **0** *together* were the Roman roads. Over the course of the occupation the Romans built **1** 9,600 kilometres of roads in Britain. It is often said that Roman roads were always straight. This is **2** strictly true, but it is true that the Romans were experts **3** constructing bridges and viaducts and even in excavating passages through small hills. **4** roads were exceptionally well built, and made troop movement and later the movement of commercial goods much easier. The imperial posting service, used **5** Roman officials, maintained stations providing accommodation and a change of horses at intervals of 30 **6** 50 kilometres along the roads. The roads were literally **highways**, raised up on excavated earth and stone. They **7** constructed in several layers, and the top layer was generally made of large stone slabs, and were **8** four to eight metres wide.

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