

# C1

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

## THE EARLY RAILWAY IN BRITAIN



In 1830, there were under 100 miles of public railway in Britain. Yet within 20 years, this figure had grown to more than 5,000. By the end of the century, almost enough rail track to **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ the world covered this small island, **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ the nature of travel for ever and contributing to the industrial revolution that changed the **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ of history in many parts of the world.

Wherever railways were introduced, economic and social progress quickly **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_. In a single day, rail passengers could travel hundreds of miles, **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ previous journey times by huge margins and bringing rapid travel within the **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ of ordinary people. Previously, many people had never ventured **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ the outskirts of their towns and villages. The railway brought them **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ freedom and enlightenment.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the railway in Britain **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_ something more than just the business of carrying goods and passengers. Trains were associated with romance, adventure and, frequently, **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ luxury. The great steam locomotives that thundered across the land were the jet airlines of their **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_, carrying passengers in comfort over vast distances in unimaginably short times. But the railways **(12)** \_\_\_\_\_ more than revolutionise travel; they also **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ a distinctive and permanent mark on the British landscape. Whole towns and industrial centres **(14)** \_\_\_\_\_ up around major rail junctions, monumental bridges and viaducts crossed rivers and valleys and the railway stations themselves became **(15)** \_\_\_\_\_ places to spend time between journeys.

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|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | A) revolve      | B) enclose     | C) encircle    | D) orbit      |
| 2.  | A) altering     | B) amending    | C) adapting    | D) adjusting  |
| 3.  | A) route        | B) way         | C) line        | D) course     |
| 4.  | A) pursued      | B) followed    | C) succeeded   | D) chased     |
| 5.  | A) cancelling   | B) subtracting | C) cutting     | D) abolishing |
| 6.  | A) reach        | B) capacity    | C) facility    | D) hold       |
| 7.  | A) further      | B) over        | C) beyond      | D) above      |
| 8.  | A) larger       | B) higher      | C) bigger      | D) greater    |
| 9.  | A) served       | B) functioned  | C) represented | D) performed  |
| 10. | A) considerable | B) generous    | C) plentiful   | D) sizeable   |
| 11. | A) date         | B) stage       | C) day         | D) phase      |
| 12. | A) caused       | B) did         | C) produced    | D) turned     |
| 13. | A) laid         | B) set         | C) settled     | D) left       |
| 14. | A) jumped       | B) stood       | C) burst       | D) sprang     |
| 15. | A) preferable   | B) liked       | C) desirable   | D) wanted     |

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