

Exercise 2

Read the information. Then match the topics in the box with the introductory sentences from the lecture.

A lecture is made up of several main points. A good lecturer will always introduce a new main point. This makes it easier for the listener to understand what the lecture is about. The lecturer doesn't usually give important details in these introductory sentences, but listen carefully, because they will help you to understand the general topic of the section.

Early forms of transport

How New Zealand was affected by the introduction

of trains

The future of steam trains

The use of trains for personal transport

What the trains transported

1. Before the railways were built, transport could be slow and unreliable.
2. But once the railways were built, everything changed: farmers could send their milk by train.
3. Another thing we should think about is the impact that the development of the railways had on the New Zealand landscape.
4. Now, one interesting difference between the railway in New Zealand and railways in other countries is that New Zealand trains have always been used to carry more goods than people.
5. Many railway lines are no longer used, which is a great shame in my opinion, although the government is still deciding whether it is possible to create a new network in the city centre, for electric trains, of course.