

Exercise 8

Read the information. Then listen and complete the sentences with the words the speaker uses.

Notice how the speaker discusses each railway line in order. The speaker always introduces each one, as a new topic, which helps the listener follow the talk.

1. _____ ever railway lines to be built was the Christchurch to Ferrymead line. It eventually opened in 1863, and was only seven kilometres long.
2. At about the same time, _____ was starting. This was the Invercargill to Makarewa line.
3. Local government _____ to build a line between Napier and Gisborne. They were making plans for this in the mid-1920s.
4. _____ ambitious project of all was the North Island line – a distance of 680 kilometres in total.
5. _____ line to construct was the Raurimu line. You have to feel sorry for the workmen who were employed on this line.

