



High Speed 2 (HS2)



Mini Lecture

EXAMPLE

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Lesson Plan: HS2 EXAMPLE

Lessons: Lecture Listening.

Time: 1 hour.

Level: *****[B1/ B2/C1].

Lesson Aim:

To focus on one key topic and develop a range of key academic skills based on this topic.

Introduction [5 minutes]

- Introduce the topic 'HS2'.

Listening: Lecture & Test Questions [30-40 minutes + feedback]

Video: Available in paid download

MP3: Available in paid download

- Give out the '**Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet**'.
- Students check key vocabulary.

Option 1

- Students look at the questions.
- Students listen & answer the questions.
- Give 2 minutes to tidy answers.
- Students listen again. Check answers & answer missed questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

Option 2 (harder)

- Students listen & take notes (*Use paper or the PPT slides in the Appendix*).
- Students listen again & add to their notes.
- Students use their notes to answer the questions.
- Feedback: distribute or project **ANSWERS**.

Post lecture extra ideas

- Write a 100-word summary of the lecture.
- Apply critical thinking strategies to the lecture. Use this critical thinking question document: <https://www.academic-englishuk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Critical-Questions-a-linear-model-AEUK.pdf> (writing, presentation or seminar).
- Research other types of rail projects (presentation or seminar).
- Research the positives and negatives of HS2 (presentation or seminar).

Listening: Mini Lecture Worksheet

Task 1: Key Vocabulary

Check these words and phrases before listening:

		compensation		delay	plague	reinforcement
petition			adversely	expenditure		hybrid

Task 2: Lecture Listening

Listen to the lecture on HS2 and answer the following questions:



2.1 Gap Fill

Complete the timeline of events. Add the three missing dates.

Since the government's _____ in _____ that HS2 would be built, construction of the _____ not begin until _____, and is not _____ until _____.

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2.2 Name TWO of the 3 main problems the construction of HS2 has had so far.

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2.3 Open Questions

Answer these questions about the delays to the project and the rising costs.

i.	How much is the HS2 project delayed by?	
ii.	What _____ delays?	
iii.	What _____ ?	
iv.	What are the two estimated budgets now?	
v.	What was _____ costs?	

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2.4 Multiple Choice

Answer these questions about the issues and solutions. Select ONE answer only per question.

i.	Which particular habitats are affected by the introduction of HS2?	A. Wildlife sites.
		B. _____
		C. Several areas including wildlife sites.
ii.	Will _____ budget?	A. Yes
		B. _____
		C. It's unknown
iii.	How do the people in the northern _____ of the HS2 link to Leeds?	A. _____
		B. Angry
		C. Cheated

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2.5 Gap Fill

What will be a _____ HS2 link to Leeds?



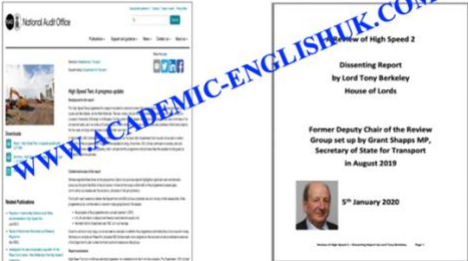
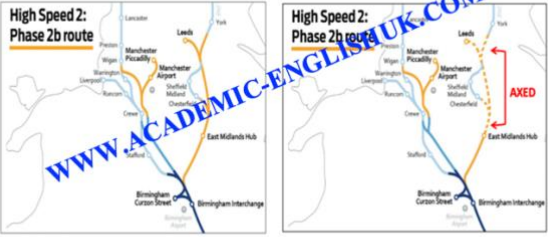
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PowerPoint Slides

Listen to the lecture and take notes using the PPT slides

<h3>High Speed 2</h3>  <p>Key HS2 Phase 1 HS2 Phase 2</p> <p>Academic English UK</p>	
<h3>Environmental Impacts</h3>  <p>Academic English UK</p>	
<h3>Cost</h3>  <p>National Audit Office Report (2020)</p> <p>Berkeley (2020)</p> <p>Academic English UK</p>	
<h3>Overcome Financial Problems</h3>  <p>Academic English UK</p>	

Listening: ANSWERS

Task 2: Lecture Listening

Listen to the lecture on HS2 and answer the following questions:

2.1 Gap Fill

Complete the timeline of events. The first letter is already given.

Since the government's announcement in **2007** that HS2 would be built, construction of the High Speed train did not begin until **2017**, and is not expected to be in operation until **2033**.

ALL ANSWERS ARE INCLUDED IN PAID VERSION...

Lecture: HS2: over-promised and under-delivered

Hello and welcome to this short lecture on the problems HS2 has faced so far and their potential solutions. Since the government's announcement of a second high speed rail link connecting London to cities such as Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds in 2009, the project has been met with severe delays. Construction of HS2 did not actually begin until 2017, as several consultations and reviews took place before two hybrid bills could be passed. One of the main reasons for these delays was due to route changes. The original design had included

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