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Only 10% of UK engineers are women

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THE READING

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Less than 10% of Britain's engineers are women. This is the lowest in Europe. The UK Business Secretary said this would be an "enormous problem" for many years. He said Britain needed more women in computer science. Many women have degrees in computer science, but there are few female computer engineers. Many companies have a "psychological barrier" against women becoming engineers. Many schools don't have any girls studying physics.

The UK started a new campaign to get women into engineering. It explains why engineering is necessary for the future of UK industry. It is important to make sure businesses get the skilled engineers they need to grow. Britain has to help young people understand that engineering is a good career. The campaign website said it would show all the exciting businesses and industries that need creative engineers.

Sources: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/campaign-unveiled-to-inspire-young-to-go-into-engineering-8920049.html>
<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/nov/04/vince-cable-uk-economy-female-engineers>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Less than | a. for many years |
| 2. This is the lowest | b. barrier |
| 3. an "enormous problem" | c. engineers |
| 4. Britain needed more women | d. in Europe |
| 5. degrees in | e. studying physics |
| 6. a psychological | f. in computer science |
| 7. women becoming | g. computer science |
| 8. girls | h. 10% of Britain's engineers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The UK started a | a. is a good career |
| 2. get women into | b. is necessary |
| 3. It explains why engineering | c. engineers |
| 4. for the future | d. make sure |
| 5. It is important to | e. new campaign |
| 6. get the skilled engineers they | f. of UK industry |
| 7. understand that engineering | g. engineering |
| 8. industries that need creative | h. need to grow |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ of Britain's engineers are women. This is (2) _____. The UK Business Secretary said this would be an "enormous problem" (3) _____. He said Britain needed more women in computer science. Many women (4) _____ computer science, but there are few female computer engineers. Many companies have a "(5) _____" against women becoming engineers. Many schools don't have any (6) _____.

The UK started (7) _____ to get women into engineering. It (8) _____ is necessary for the future of UK industry. It is important to make sure businesses get the skilled engineers (9) _____. Britain has to help young (10) _____ engineering is a good career. The campaign website (11) _____ all the exciting businesses and industries (12) _____ engineers.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
