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Only 10% of UK engineers are women

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THE READING

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Less than ten per cent of Britain's engineers are women. This is the lowest of all European countries. Vince Cable, the UK Business Secretary, said this would be an "enormous problem for years to come". He said more women needed to go into computer science. Many women have degrees in computer science, but there are so few female computer engineers. Cable suggested that many companies had a "psychological barrier" against women becoming engineers. He said half of state schools don't have any girls doing physics and that the UK was "only tapping half the population".

The UK started a new campaign on November the 4th to get more women into engineering. It is called "Tomorrow's Engineers Week". Mr Cable said at the launch that engineering was vital for the future of UK industry. He said it was important to act now to make sure businesses get the skilled engineers they need to grow. Siemens UK said Britain had to help young people understand how engineering can be a rewarding career. The campaign website said it would show all the exciting businesses and industries that need the work of 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>
<http://www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/week/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Less than | a. female computer engineers |
| 2. This is the lowest of | b. ten per cent |
| 3. enormous problem for years | c. barrier |
| 4. degrees in | d. all European countries |
| 5. there are so few | e. the population |
| 6. a psychological | f. computer science |
| 7. girls doing | g. to come |
| 8. only tapping half | h. physics |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. started a | a. act now |
| 2. get more women | b. for the future |
| 3. engineering was vital | c. new campaign |
| 4. He said it was important to | d. rewarding career |
| 5. skilled | e. to grow |
| 6. they need | f. into engineering |
| 7. engineering can be a | g. of creative engineers |
| 8. the work | h. engineers |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ cent of Britain's engineers are women. This is the lowest of all European countries. Vince Cable, the UK Business Secretary, said this would (2) _____ problem (3) _____ ". He said more women needed to go into computer science. Many women have degrees in computer science, but (4) _____ female computer engineers. Cable suggested that many companies had a "(5) _____" against women becoming engineers. He said half of state schools don't have any girls doing physics and that the UK was "(6) _____ the population".

The UK started (7) _____ November the 4th to get more women into engineering. It is called "Tomorrow's Engineers Week". Mr Cable said (8) _____ engineering was vital (9) _____ UK industry. He said it was important (10) _____ make sure businesses get the skilled engineers they need to grow. Siemens UK said Britain had to help young (11) _____ engineering can be a rewarding career. The campaign website said it would show all the exciting (12) _____ that need the work of creative 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)

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d)

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