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PRE – ASSESSMENT



PRE 1 – Listening to Familiarity

These are the words that you *might possibly encounter or hear* from the video. Listen to the audio carefully and put a *check mark* beside the words that you can hear from the video.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> significant | <input type="checkbox"/> avenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> burden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> overruns | <input type="checkbox"/> whoosh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> downtown | <input type="checkbox"/> chaos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> belt and road | <input type="checkbox"/> nodding out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> block | <input type="checkbox"/> initiative |



PRE 2 – Re-Tell

Listen to the audio carefully and **take notes** on the main points and key details. After the audio ends, **re-tell what you heard in your own words**. Focus on summarizing the *main ideas, supporting details, and any examples mentioned* in the audio.

01

Article Transcription Reading.

The following text below is a transcribed text from the listening article. Feel free to **mark other words** that you are **not familiar** with or are not highlighted below. Notes are available at the last page of this lesson.

- 00:00 In East Jakarta, this is **whoosh**. A new high-speed railway connecting Jakarta and the City of Bandung in West Java.
- 00:24 The 142 kilometer rail line cuts travel time around three hours to under one hour. The train can reach a top speed of 350 kilometers an hour. In September, authorities began public trials of the train ahead of its official launch.
- 00:43 “We have already reached Padalarang Station which would normally take two to three hours.”
- 00:48 “The seat is comfortable, it’s like sitting on the sofa at home.”
- 00:52 The project which is mostly funded by China cost more than 7 billion dollars to build after **significant** cost **overruns** due to construction delays. Jakarta’s new high-speed rail is an important part of Beijing’s **belt and road** development project. China will soon celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the **initiative** as some experts raise concerns about growing debt risks.
- 01:17 Some say the high-speed railway is a **burden** for Indonesia’s budget.
- 01:22 “The future of this project is, I think, similar to other Chinese projects in other countries. Seaport in Sri Lanka, in Pakistan and Africa. The project is not **feasible**, the company could not pay the debt then **collapse**. There is no way to finance this project again.”
- 01:47 President Jokowi has acknowledged some of the criticisms of the project noting that experience is expensive but valuable and the country should be **enthusiastic** about developing its transport links. The government is planning to extend the rail project into East Java.

02 A1 – Pairing Meanings.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

A whoosh	1 _____	eager; excited; energetic
B significant	2 _____	practical
C overrun	3 _____	sth difficult; hardship
D belt and road	4 _____	move quickly with a rushing sound
E burden	5 _____	outstanding; notable
F feasible	6 _____	exceeds; go beyond or past
G enthusiastic	7 _____	global infrastructure development strategy
H initiative	8 _____	plan; strategy; technique

02 A2 – Choosing the Right Words.

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

whoosh
belt and road
initiative
significant
burden
enthusiastic
overruns
feasible
overkill

- 1 There was a big _____ of air.
- 2 Jakarta's new high-speed rail is an important part of Beijing's _____ development.
- 3 Some say the high-speed rail is a _____ for the government's budget.
- 4 The project which is mostly funded by China cost more than 7 billion dollars to build after _____ cost _____ due to construction delays.
- 5 The country should be _____ about developing its transport links.
- 6 I don't think the project is _____.
- 7 China will soon celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the _____ as some experts raise concerns about growing debt risks.

03 Speak Up.

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1 Based on the article, do you think it is worth it to launch the bullet train despite people saying this is a burden to Indonesia's budget?

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2 In your point of view, why is it called the bullet train? Can you describe the word bullet?

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3 If you were an Indonesian citizen, would you be happy about the new bullet train?

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04 Building Deeper.

Choose the **words** from the article, or the vocabulary activity before. Write them under their corresponding categories. Do your best to **create examples** that can **help you remember** and understand the word better.

FAVORITE WORDS

Words that you think you will use on a daily basis

WORD	01
.....	
+ example	

INTERESTING WORDS

Words that you find interesting for the first time

WORD	01
.....	
+ example	

DIFFICULT WORDS

Words that you find difficult to say or understand

WORD	01
.....	
how can I understand better + example	

WORD	02
.....	
+ example	

WORD	02
.....	
+ example	

WORD	02
.....	
how can I understand better + example	

Run towards something, not away.



Notes

Good job for finishing the lesson through. If you were to **give yourself stars** for doing your best, how many stars will you give to yourself for today's hardwork?



KEY ANSWERS

A1

1D 2E 3F 4G 5C 6B 7A 8H

A2

- 1 whoosh
- 2 belt and road
- 3 burden
- 4 significant, overruns
- 5 enthusiastic
- 6 feasible
- 7 initiative

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