

## Berlin Central station

### Level

Pre-intermediate / Intermediate

### Tasks

- Completing the missing vowels from a set of words connected with 'projects'
- Completing a Fact Box on the new station in Berlin
- Reading an article about Berlin Central station
- Identifying the 'odd word out' from a set of collocations with the noun 'project'
- Giving a mini-presentation on a current project

### How to use the lesson

- 1 Write the word 'project' on the board and ask students to give you a few words connected with it, such as 'management'. Hand out the worksheet. After students have completed the words, check they can give examples of some of these words in context, e.g. do they have any deadlines? Is anyone a project manager? etc.

#### Answers

*behind / on / ahead of schedule      project schedule / deadline / budget / manager / leader*

- 2 Ask students to complete the missing dates in the Fact Box. They can find the information by scanning the article.

#### Answers

*Height: 46 metres      Storeys: five      Trains per day: 1,100      Passenger per day: 300,000*  
*Cost: 700 million Euros*

- 3 Ask students to read the whole article. Ask them to tell you their own reaction to the building of the station. Deal with any useful vocabulary such as: *impressive / reconstructing / symbol / debts*.
- 4 Ask students to read all the words in the exercise and check if there are any new words. They then identify the one word in each line which does not form a collocation with the word at the end.

#### Answers

*1 – (f) to impress      2 – (c) to expect      3 – (b) high      4 – (e) round*

- 5 Ask students to work in small groups to prepare a talk for the class about a project they are involved in. Hand out OHTs, if possible, so students can write up key information. Note: if students are not involved in a project, they can present a task or an interesting aspect of their job. Encourage the group to ask questions. Finish the lesson with language feedback.

### Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin\\_Hauptbahnhof](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Hauptbahnhof)

[http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/bauen/grosse\\_projekte/en/hauptbahnhof.shtml](http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/bauen/grosse_projekte/en/hauptbahnhof.shtml)

[http://www.pmtoday.co.uk/what\\_is\\_pm.asp](http://www.pmtoday.co.uk/what_is_pm.asp)

[http://www.mindtools.com/pages/main/newMN\\_PPM.htm](http://www.mindtools.com/pages/main/newMN_PPM.htm)