



Transcript:

One day, this could be the world's fastest train.

Using **magnets** to float above the track, the maglev can reach speeds of over 500 kilometres per hour (500km/h).

Ministers in Japan have called it "**world-class**" technology.

The **venture** cost billions of US dollars, though some hope the technology could be sold to **overseas** markets.

But don't **turn up** at the station any time soon. The train isn't expected to open its doors to passengers until 2027.

Vocabulary:

magnets

objects which can attract iron or steel objects and also push them away

world-class

of international quality; one of the best in the world

venture

a business activity which involves risk

overseas

relating to other countries

turn up

arrive

Watch the video online: Train of the future <http://bbc.in/15y5Mbk>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

magnets / world-class / venture / overseas / turn up

1. Mr Gondwe says his business is good: "I used to sell radios but that was not a profitable business. That's why I switched to selling underwear and this is a much more rewarding _____."
2. "If people fail to _____ for interviews or refuse a job offer for no good reason they will face losing their benefit. It is because of this we have introduced tough new penalties for those claimants who refuse to play by the rules."
3. _____ inside mobile phone cases and GPS devices and also the metal in car keys and under-wired bras could affect compass needles, the MCoFS warned.
4. "A weak currency won't necessarily lead to a crisis. But, if it makes it harder to pay for a deficit that is owed to _____ creditors, that's when it could become a problem."
5. Stephen Duncan, director of commercial and tourism at Historic Scotland, said: "Stirling Castle is a _____ attraction which draws visitors from across the globe, so I am delighted to see it recognised as one of the 40 best experiences in Europe."

Answers:

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Source: How second-hand clothes kill business for Malawi's tailors

<http://bbc.in/1c2aDHv>

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Source: Swansea firm frustrated at system after job advert

<http://bbc.in/17Q5FKW>

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Source: Reverse polarity a risk to climbers, mountain body warns

<http://bbc.in/ZORtMo>

4. "A weak currency won't necessarily lead to a crisis. But, if it makes it harder to pay for a deficit that is owed to **overseas** creditors, that's when it could become a problem."

Source: Indian rupee falls further amid Fed stimulus concerns

<http://bbc.in/19G8ioh>

5. Stephen Duncan, director of commercial and tourism at Historic Scotland, said: "Stirling Castle is a **world-class** attraction which draws visitors from across the globe, so I am delighted to see it recognised as one of the 40 best experiences in Europe. "

Source: Stirling Castle 'top European experience'

<http://bbc.in/140rBFj>