

11 & 12 Revise and Check

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

- a England and France. There is a tunnel.
- b
- 1 by plane or by train and boat
 - 2 nine (hours)
 - 3 It opened in 1994.
 - 4 It is 37.9 kilometres long.
 - 5 about three hours
 - 6 They first thought of it in 1802.
 - 7 because the snow caused electrical problems

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

4 59))) 1 a 2 b 3 c 4 a 5 b

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See the script in the Student's Book on p.91



Short film: Erasmus

Hi, I'm John and I'm a student. I'm from Canterbury in the UK. At the moment I'm studying at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, in Holland. The university opened in 1913 and today it has over 20,000 students.

I'm studying here for one year. The study programme is called the Erasmus programme. The Erasmus University and the Erasmus programme – so who was Erasmus?

Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus was born here in Rotterdam in 1466. When he was nine he went to school. He studied religion and languages, like Latin and Greek. His teachers were excellent. The young Erasmus was very clever and he learnt quickly. When he was 25 he became a catholic priest. But he didn't work as a priest for very long. Instead, he continued studying. He went to universities all over Europe, including Paris, Turin, and Cambridge. He studied languages and made new translations of the Bible in Latin and Greek. He also wrote a lot of books.

Erasmus believed in peace and understanding and his ideas became popular all over Europe. He died in Basel, Switzerland, in 1536.

Today there are places all over the world with Erasmus's name. For example, there's the Erasmus Bridge in Rotterdam and there's the Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn, New York.

Erasmus is a good name for the programme because Erasmus worked and studied all over Europe. And he believed that people work well when they work together.