**Questions to discuss**

**High-speed railways**

1. Where was the idea of high-speed trains introduced? What was another milestone?
2. Name the 3 criteria of high-speed trains.
3. What is TGV? (Where was it introduced; what is the speed record)
4. Say a few words about high-speed railway lines in Great Britain.
5. China and Japan are pioneers in high-speed rail technology. Comment on the statement.
6. The USA is the richest country in the world. Still it has very few modern rail-lines. Why?

**TEN-T**

1. What is the reason why EU Commission introduced the TEN-T project in the 1980s?
2. What will the future European transportation network include?
3. Does TEN-T include only roads?
4. State 3 positive outcomes of the future core network.
5. Explain the expressions:

* Cohesion countries
* Feeder roads
* Seemless transportation

**Rail Baltic**

Rail Baltic is a part of TEN-T project.

1. What is the difference between the expressions “*Rail Baltic*” and “*Rail Baltica*”?
2. What countries does the project concern?
3. The project is not only the creation of railway infrastructure. What else will be developed?
4. Name 3 main objectives of Rail Baltic. Use the expressions “ improve communication/the use of …; increase mobility/ freight flow; provide more favourable traffic conditions; stimulate economic development; support cost-saving transport; pay attention to …; enhance efficiency/safety; implement measures/multi-level junctions/video surveillance
5. Speak about the problems of Rail Baltica in Lithuania.
6. Speak about Rail Baltic in Estonia – length, route(s), trains, cost, time frame of construction