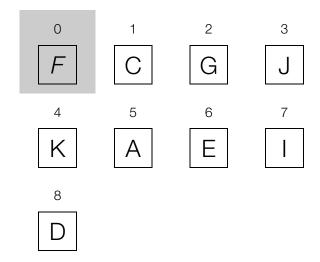
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The Stonehenge Tunnel



Begründungen

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The speaker says: "Highways England are warning people using the A303, the road which <u>passes so</u> <u>close to Stonehenge</u> that you can actually see the monument from your car, to expect delays." Travellers are therefore advised to stay away from a route that runs nearby Stonehenge.

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The speaker says: "The question of how to ease traffic flow along it without wrecking the supreme icon of British prehistory is one that <u>has been perplexing archaeologists and transport planners for decades.</u>" Solving the traffic problems whilst protecting Stonehenge has therefore been an issue among experts for a long time.

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The speaker says: "It was in the 1980s that the idea of a Stonehenge tunnel was first raised. Then, in 2014, a 2.9 kilometre long tunnel <u>was included in the government's official road strategy</u>." After the turn of the century, the Stonehenge Tunnel was therefore approved by the state.

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The speaker says: "Earlier this year the plans were put out to public consultation. Job done then, you might think. Well, perhaps not. Last week a report to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee <u>raised</u> <u>reservations about the plan</u>." A few days ago an international organisation therefore expressed doubts about the intended project.

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The speaker says: "Now though, archaeologists understand that Stonehenge <u>makes no sense unless it is studied in the context of the 26 square miles of the UNESCO World Heritage Site which surrounds it."</u>
Nowadays experts therefore claim that Stonehenge has to be viewed in a different way.

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The speaker says: "Many archaeologists think that the tunnel, as planned, isn't long enough and that both the entrances to it, the portals, and the approach roads, will have a devastating impact on the prehistoric landscape." Numerous experts therefore worry that the planned tunnel will do great damage to the ancient site.

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Rosemary Hill says: "If you build a tunnel, you will be making the biggest man-made intervention in Salisbury Plain in a World Heritage Site that has ever been made and I very much <u>doubt whether future generations will forgive us for that</u>." One female historian therefore thinks that in the time to come people will blame those responsible for the tunnel.

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Professor Sir Barry Cunliffe from Oxford University says: "My only concern is that we get the entrances to the tunnels right, so that they're not intrusive and that they don't destroy any of the wonderful sightlines that you can have in that landscape." One Oxford expert's single fear therefore is that the tunnel's design will harm the site's visual appeal.

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The speaker says: "Professor David Jakes from the University of Buckingham takes us to a site as little known as it is rich with archaeological discoveries. Blick Mead, a mile from the stone circle and directly adjacent to where the eastern portal of the proposed tunnel would be built, offers a glimpse, so David Jakes believes, into the very beginnings of Stonehenge." Professor Jakes therefore points out a spot which gives an insight into the early history of Stonehenge.