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India's sewer workers and British school standards

印度下水道工人施工安全，英国在校生学习成绩下降

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In India it's sewers – they run beneath the streets - and they are an essential part of **infrastructure**. Keeping them free from blockages is not just a hard and unpleasant job but it can also be dangerous because workers are employed on a day-by-day basis, often without safety gear.

在印度，下水道系统在街道下穿行，是基础建设的重要组成部分。保持下水系统通畅不仅是一项令人不悦的困难工作，而且还可能很危险，因为这些每天被临时雇佣的下水工人在工作时通常不会穿戴任何安全装置。

The children of white British parents do worse in their GCSEs [exams] than those who speak English as a second language. This is according to an education **think tank**. It's The Centre Forum, which also says many primary school pupils are falling behind the world's leading countries in education such as Finland and Canada.

父母是英国白人的孩子们普通中等教育证书（GCSE，相当于中国的中考）成绩不及那些英语是非母语家庭的孩子。这是教育智囊机构中心论坛（The Centre Forum）最新发表的一个报告结果，此报告还说很多英国小学生的学习成绩落后于像芬兰、加拿大等世界教育领先国家的同龄人。

词汇

infrastructure

基础设施

think tank

智囊团，智囊机构

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练习

请从以下词汇中选择适当的答案来完成句子。注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

infrastructure / think tank

1. Schools should consider flexible working to tackle a teacher supply crisis, a _____ has said ahead of a teachers' conference.
2. The huge storm has destroyed the city's _____ and it will cost millions of dollars to repair.

答案

1. Schools should consider flexible working to tackle a teacher supply crisis, a **think tank** has said ahead of a teachers' conference.
2. The huge storm has destroyed the city's **infrastructure** and it will cost millions of dollars to repair.