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Authentic Real English: Infrastructure 基础设施

Helen:	This is Real English from BBC Learning English. I'm Helen.
Zoë:	欢迎收听今天的地道英语，我是刘佳。
Helen:	Today we're going to look at words and phrases that have recently become part of the English language.
Zoë:	在今天的节目里，我们一起来学习和熟悉一些现代英式英语里新出现的词汇和新说法。
Helen:	English has a very large vocabulary, and new words and phrases are entering it constantly. It's important to keep up to date with real English.
Zoë:	Helen, 我们今天要学的新词是？
Helen:	Today's word is infrastructure.
Zoë:	Infrastructure. 这个词的意思是？
Helen:	Well, infrastructure means all the basic systems a country – or an organisation – needs, such as water and power supplies, roads, and buildings.
Zoë:	哦，这个单词的意思就是指所有的基础设施或者系统，比如说一个国家中的能源还有水力，道路，或者建筑。
Helen:	That's it. In most of Europe and the USA, the infrastructure is very good. You have excellent roads and trains. You have a choice of power supplies and good water.
Zoë:	那在其他国家呢？
Helen:	Well, many countries – in Africa for example – are still developing and don't have very infrastructure.
Zoë:	原来是这样。所以，你可以说 the infrastructure is not good in Africa.

Example:

A: So, are we going to build the new factory in Bolivia or Brazil?

B: I think it should be in Brazil. The infrastructure is better.

Helen:	So, do you think the infrastructure is good in China?
Zoë:	It is getting better. The infrastructure is improving all the time.
Helen:	That's very good news.
Zoë:	Yes, it is. We now have better roads and schools.
Helen:	In Europe the infrastructure is very good. They have excellent roads, good train systems, good public hospitals and schools.
Zoë:	Yes, I have heard that.
Helen:	It's time for us to recap, so what does infrastructure mean?
Zoë:	Infrastructure 指的就是一个国家的基础设施，比如说水资源，道路交通建设，或者是建筑。
Helen:	You've been listening to Real English from BBC Learning English. Bye for now.
Zoë:	See you next time.