

9B Single or return?

Activity type: Speaking – Role play – Pairs

Aim: To practise language for using public transport

Language: Buying a ticket – Use at any point from the Target activity, p78.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for every two learners and cut each worksheet along the dotted lines to form a set of dialogue cards, two role cards and a set of pictures and prompts.

Time: 30–40 minutes

- 1 Learners sit in pairs. Give each pair a set of dialogue cards. They read these cards and order them to make a complete dialogue. When they have finished, elicit the fact that the dialogue takes place in a train station ticket office. Learners practise acting out the dialogue with their partner, with each of them taking a different role.
- 2 Give each pair a copy of the role cards. They take it in turn to play the roles of passenger and ticket office clerk, and act out the dialogue using the original dialogue as a model.
- 3 Give each pair a copy of the bottom part of the worksheet. Ask them to look at the prompts in the boxes and to match each box with one of the pictures 1–4, according to which type of transport is involved in each case.

1 B 2 C 3 D 4 A

- 4 Each pair prepares a short dialogue for each of the four transport situations. As they do this, go round and help where necessary.
- 5 When learners have finished, ask a few pairs to act out one of their dialogues for the rest of the class.

Extension

Ask each pair to change the details in their dialogues (e.g. by changing the destinations, prices, etc.). Pairs can then act out their dialogues for the rest of the class, while other learners note down the information they hear in each case.

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Good morning. What time's the next train to Cambridge, please?	There's one that leaves at 11.35. Platform 3.
So that's in 10 minutes. And what time does it arrive?	It's a direct train, so it takes about an hour. It gets in at 12.30.
12.30. OK. How much is it?	First or standard class?
Standard, please.	Single or return?
Return, please.	Day return is £23, open return is £28.
Day return, please. To come back this evening.	OK. That's £23, please ... and here's your ticket.
Thanks.	You're welcome. Thank you.

<p><u>Passenger</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what time / next train / London? • what time / arrive? • how much? • standard • two return tickets / London • day return • what platform / next train? 	<p><u>Ticket Office Clerk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.18 • 12.10 • first / standard class? • single / return? • day return £48.75 / open return £61.50 • £97.50 • platform 7
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A city centre *single?*
return £2.25

B Frankfurt *day?*
next Thursday *one-way?*
return Sunday £170

C Malpas Drive – how much? *number?*
number 37 *about £7*

D travel card *zones?*
zones 1 & 2 £12.50