Look at the train ticket and timetable and do the exercises to practise your reading skills.

Preparation

Match the words with the correct definition and write a–d next to the number 1–4.

1. _____ depart  a. To reach a place, especially at the end of a journey.
2. _____ arrive  b. The time a journey takes from start to end.
3. _____ duration  c. To go away or leave, especially at the start of a journey.
4. _____ platform  d. The place in a train station to get on your train.

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**UK TRAINS mini-timetable**

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**UK TRAINS**

**CLASS**

STD

**RETURN**

ADULT

**DATE VALID**

22JULY2012

**TICKET TYPE**

124466 9001273

**ADULT**

**PRICE**

£22.50

**FROM**

OXFORD (OXF) ##

**TO**

LONDON (all stations) ##

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1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. The ticket is for trains to Oxford. True False
2. All trains leave from platform 1. True False
3. The first train leaves Oxford at 10:43. True False
4. The 10:43 train from Oxford takes 58 minutes to get to London. True False
5. You don't have to change trains if you take the 11:01 train. True False
6. The 11:16 train from Oxford arrives in London on platform 3. True False
7. The ticket is for a single journey only. True False
8. With this ticket you can go to any station in London. True False

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a number from the box.

| 58 | 12:14 | 11:16 | 1 | 22 | 22.50 |

1. This ticket is for the ___________nd July only.
2. The ticket costs £______________.
3. The 11:07 train from Oxford arrives in London at ______________.
4. The 11:01 train from Oxford takes ______________ minutes.
5. All trains from Oxford leave from platform ______________.
6. The train at London Paddington platform 4 left Oxford at ______________.

3. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct option to complete these sentences.

1. The 10:43 train from Oxford takes 58 minutes / 1 hour 7 minutes / 1 hour 11 minutes .
2. The 10:43 train from Oxford is the slowest / fastest train.
3. The 11:01 train from Oxford arrives before midday / after midday.


5. The 11:01 train from Oxford is the slowest / fastest.

6. The 11:16 train from Oxford takes under 1 hour / exactly 1 hour / over 1 hour.

Discussion

How often do you take a train?