Listen to five different conversations at a train station and do the exercises to improve your listening skills.

Preparation
Do this exercise before you listen. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – d next to the number 1 – 4.

1. platform
2. ticket
3. single (ticket)
4. return (ticket)

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<th>1</th>
<th>platform</th>
<th>a. A small piece of paper to allow you to use a train or bus.</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>ticket</td>
<td>b. The place in a train station where people get on and get off trains.</td>
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<td>single (ticket)</td>
<td>c. A ticket to travel to a place, but not to travel back</td>
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<td>return (ticket)</td>
<td>d. A ticket to travel to a place and back again.</td>
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1. Check your understanding: matching
Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with the correct place from the box.

Oxford Manchester London
Cambridge Exeter

Listening A
The speaker wants to go to _____________

Listening B
The speaker wants to go to _____________

Listening C
The speaker wants to go to _____________

Listening D
The train is going to _____________

Listening E
The passengers want to go to _____________
2. Check your understanding: question and answer

Do this exercise while you listen. Write the correct answer to these questions.

1. Which platform does the 10.15 train to Cambridge leave from? ____________

2. How much is a single ticket to Manchester? ____________

3. Which platform does the 12.30 train to Manchester leave from? ____________

4. What time does the train arrive at Exeter? ____________

5. What time is the train back to London? ____________

6. Which platform does the train back to London leave from? ____________

Discussion

Do you often use the train? Why / Why not?

What is your favourite type of public transport? Why?