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1 Complete the chart with the questions in the box.

What gate does it leave from? How long does the trip take?
 What time does the next bus leave? ~~Can I help you?~~ When are you coming back?

Real English	You hear	You say
	<u>Can I help you?</u>	Yes, please. I'd like a one-way / round-trip ticket to ...
1	<input type="text"/>	I'm coming back on ...
2	<input type="text"/>	It leaves at ...
3	<input type="text"/>	It leaves from ...
4	<input type="text"/>	It takes about ...

2  135 Listen again to the dialogues on page 72 and complete them.

1
 Clerk Hello. Can I help you?
 Luis Hello. Yes. ¹
 to Portland, please.
 Clerk When are you coming back?
 Luis ² on Friday.
 Clerk OK. That's \$44, please.
 Luis Here you are.
 Clerk Thanks. ³ and
 change.

2
 Luis Excuse me. What time does the next bus leave?
 Clerk Um ...⁴ nine thirty.
 Luis What gate does it leave from?
 Clerk It leaves ⁵ .
 Luis Thanks. Oh ... how long does the trip take?
 Clerk ⁶ four hours.
 Luis OK, thanks.
 Clerk Have a good trip.

3 Complete the dialogue with your ideas.

Clerk Hello. Can I help you?
 You Yes, please. I'd like a one-way ticket to Recife, please.
 Clerk That's \$37, please.
 You ¹
 Clerk Thank you. Here's your ticket and your
 change.
 You ²
 Clerk It leaves at 1:35.
 You ³
 Clerk It leaves from gate 5.
 You ⁴
 Clerk It takes about two hours.
 You ⁵
 Clerk Goodbye. Have a good trip.



Extra listening

Listening strategy

In some activities, we have to identify information about prices, dates, and times. Think about the different ways we can express this information in English, for example, we can say *four fifteen* or *a quarter after four*.

 136 Listen to five dialogues. Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 a The customer takes the 7:45 / 8:30 bus to Chicago.
 b A one-way / round-trip ticket costs \$14.
- 2 a She buys a one-way / round-trip ticket.
 b The assistant gives her \$12 / \$2 change.
- 3 a The next bus to Houston leaves at 4:15 p.m. / 5:45 p.m.
 b The café is near / in the bus station.
- 4 a She's coming back today / tomorrow.
 b She's going hiking with her uncle / friends.
- 5 a There are two buses / is one bus on Sundays.
 b The trip takes two hours / two and a half hours.