

2C Everyday English

What time's the next train?

1 USEFUL LANGUAGE

Asking for information in a public place

a Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

1 anything else / help you / with / I / there / is / can ?

Is there anything else I can help you with?

2 is / tell / where / information desk / you / me / the / could ?

3 Edinburgh / to / much / is / a return ticket / how ?

4 for the airport / leave / do / often / buses / how / the ?

5 Barcelona / time / the next coach / what / to / is ?

6 my ticket / pay / euros / can / for / in / I ?

7 can / a sandwich / the journey / for / where / buy / I ?

8 a taxi / to the airport / much / it / does / cost / to get / how ?

b  23 Listen and check.

c Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

can near here have over there could you excuse anything else actually from what time

A ¹ Excuse me.

B Yes, how ² _____ I help you?

A ³ _____ tell me which platform the next train to London leaves ⁴ _____?

B Certainly, madam. It leaves from Platform 2.

A OK, thanks. And ⁵ _____ does it leave?

B It leaves at 10:32, in twelve minutes.

A Brilliant. Thanks.

B Is there ⁶ _____ I can help you with?

A ⁷ _____, there is one more thing. Where can I buy a cup of coffee? Is there a café ⁸ _____?

B Yes, there is. There's a café on the platform, ⁹ _____.

A Great. Thanks so much.

B No problem. ¹⁰ _____ a good journey.

d  24 Listen and check.

e Match the traveller's sentences 1–8 with the ticket seller's responses a–h.

1 Hello.

2 Could you tell me what time the next bus to Folkestone leaves, please?

3 Great, thanks! And where does it leave from?

4 I will be. Can I have a ticket, please?

5 Here you are. Also, is there somewhere I can buy a newspaper?

6 That's OK. I can run fast.

7 Yes, I think that's it. Thank you for your help!

8 Thanks! Bye!

a Goodbye!

b Yes, of course. It leaves in five minutes.

c Good afternoon. How can I help you?

d Certainly. That'll be £9.50.

e No problem, sir. Now hurry, or you'll miss your bus!

f From stop number 4, but you'll need to be quick!

g You'll need to! Is that all, sir?

h Yes, at the newsagent over there, but I'm not sure you'll have time.

2 PRONUNCIATION Joining words

a  25 Listen to the questions. Tick (✓) the two words that are joined together.

1 When did you check into your hotel?

a check into b your hotel

2 How can I help you?

a can I b help you

3 Did you get a visa when you went to China?

a get a b when you

4 What time did you set off from home?

a did you b set off

5 What time is your plane?

a time is b is your

6 How much is a return ticket to Bath?

a much is b to Bath