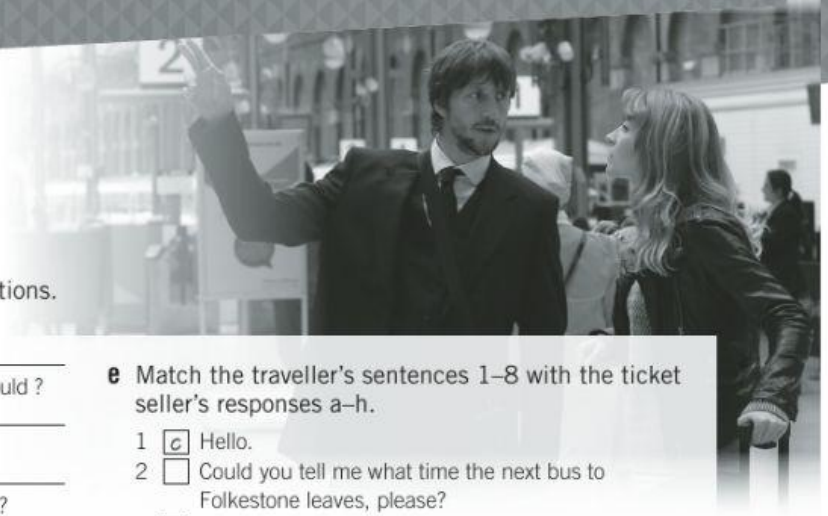
2C Everyday English
What time's the next train?



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 2.3 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 2.4 Listen and check.

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

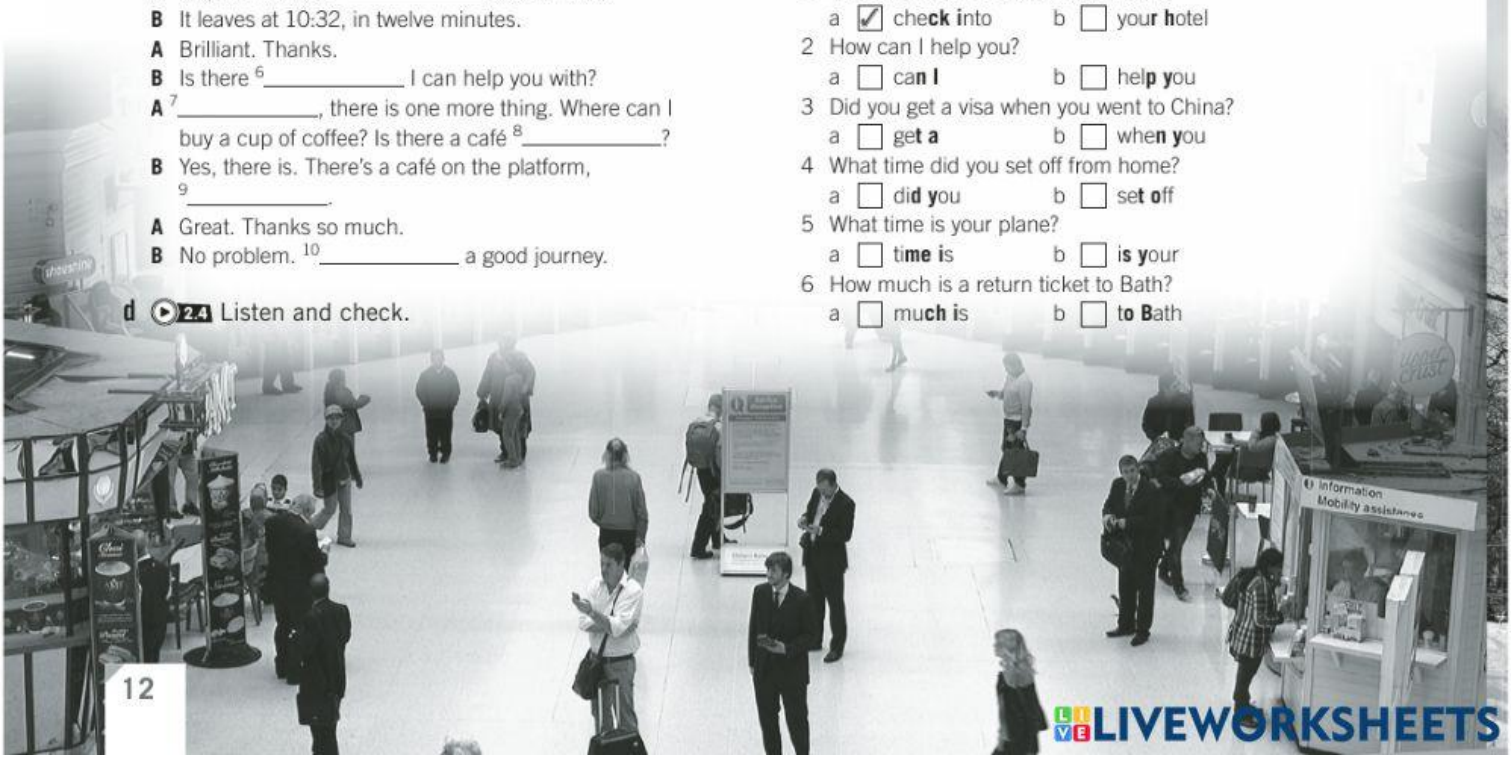
1 [c] Hello.
2 [ ] Could you tell me what time the next bus to Folkestone leaves, please?
3 [ ] Great, thanks! And where does it leave from?
4 [ ] I will be. Can I have a ticket, please?
5 [ ] Here you are. Also, is there somewhere I can buy a newspaper?
6 [ ] That's OK. I can run fast.
7 [ ] Yes, I 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 2.5 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 **h**otel
2 How can I help you?
a [ ] ca**n I** b [ ] hel**p you**
3 Did you get a visa when you went to China?
a [ ] ge**t a** b [ ] whe**n you**
4 What time did you set off from home?
a [ ] di**d you** b [ ] se**t o**ff
5 What time is your plane?
a [ ] ti**me is** b [ ] **is your**
6 How much is a return ticket to Bath?
a [ ] mu**ch is** b [ ] **to B**ath



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