

2. Listen to the following advice about buying train tickets in the UK, and answer the questions below.

1. If you book 12 weeks in advance, you can get a return ticket to Manchester for £ _____.

2. Which website are you advised to use when paying for your ticket?

A) the East Coast website

B) thetrainline.com

C) the Ticket Alert website

3. Which TWO statements are true of the East Coast website?

A) You pay a £1.50 booking fee.

B) It can only be used for booking trains from London to Edinburgh.

C) You can use it to buy train tickets for anywhere in the UK.

D) You will not be charged for using a credit card.

E) You can buy a "Super Advance" ticket the night before your trip.

3. Here's the full transcript for exercise 2. Listen to the recording again, then fill the gaps in the transcript below.

The first thing any regular train user should do is to book their tickets in advance, _____ exactly 12 weeks in advance. Those £300 tickets to Manchester, you can get them for just £25 return if you go online. You go to a website called thetrainline.com, you fill in their ticket _____ system, and you'll get an email telling you when those tickets are available. Because they often _____ very quickly, so when you get that email, act straight away.

But, and I know this sounds a bit sneaky, don't actually buy them on thetrainline.com, because you'll have to pay a £1.50 booking fee, and if you're using your credit card another £1.50. Instead, _____ over to the East Coast website - you'd think that's only trains down the East coast from London up to Edinburgh - it's not; they will sell tickets for any trains anywhere in the UK, and they don't charge a booking fee, and they don't charge for credit card. So that's another two or three _____ saved.

If you haven't been able to buy a ticket a long _____ in advance, it is still worth remembering that up until 6 o'clock on the night before, you can still get Advance tickets. They won't be as cheap as the Super-Advance ones, 12 weeks in advance, but it's still _____ trying to buy them the night before.