

A Train vocabulary

spotlight *last*

1 final The **last** train leaves at 11.30 p.m.
= There are no trains after 11.30 p.m.
2 most recent My **last** train journey
was two weeks ago.

► What's another verb for *get a train*? take a train

- 2** Complete the sentences.

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B Buying a ticket

It's now 9.30. A **passenger** (P) is talking to someone at the **ticket office** (O) at Bristol Station.

- P A **single** to Cardiff, please.
 O That's £10, please.
 P Right, and when's the **next** train?
 O There's one at 10.07.
 P Fine. Do I have to **change**?
 O No, it's **direct**.
 P That's good. And when does it **get to** Cardiff?
 O 10.56.
 P OK. And which **platform** is it?
 O Platform 6.
 P Right, thanks.

Glossary

passenger a person travelling or going to travel in a train, bus, car, etc.

ticket office the place where you buy tickets in a station

single OR **single ticket** a ticket for a journey from A to B (A **return** is a ticket for a journey from A to B, and from B back to A.)

next The next train is the first one after now.

change trains get off one train and get on another

direct A journey is **direct** if you don't need to change trains.

get to arrive at or in **OPP leave**

platform the part of the station where you get on and off the train

spotlight book something in advance

If you **book a seat (in advance)**, you buy a ticket days or weeks before you travel, with a seat number on the ticket. In a hotel, you can **book a room (in advance)**, and in a restaurant you can **book a table**. You can also say **reserve a seat** or **room** or **table**.

3 Complete the questions using words from the box.

direct London office train is it ✓ return advance seat

- Which platform is it ?
 1 Can I book in _____ ?
 2 Do you want a single or _____ ?
 3 Is the train _____ ?
 4 When do we get to _____ ?
 5 Where's the ticket _____ ?
 6 When's the next _____ ?
 7 Can I reserve a _____ ?

4 Look at the timetable and complete the text.

Platform	Cheltenham	Kemble	London Paddington
2	8.35	9.08 9.18	10.40

I'm going from Cheltenham to London tomorrow. There isn't a ► direct train, so I have to (1) _____ at Kemble. The train (2) _____ Cheltenham at 8.35 from (3) _____ 2, and it (4) _____ to Kemble at 9.08. Then I have to catch the 9.18, which gets (5) _____ London Paddington at 10.40. A (6) _____ ticket costs £22, but I can get a return for £40 if I book in (7) _____.

5 ABOUT YOU Write your answers or ask another student.

- When was your last train journey? _____
- Where did you go, and why? _____
- What was the fare? _____
- Did you book in advance? _____
- Was it direct, or did you have to change trains? _____