Listening skills practice: Trains and travel – exercises

Listen to five different conversations at a train station and do the exercises to improve your listening skills.

Preparation

Do this exercise before you listen. Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – d next to the number 1 – 4.

1……..	platform	a.	A small piece of paper to allow you to use a train or bus.
2……..	ticket	b.	The place in a train station where people get on and get off trains.
3……..	single (ticket)	c.	A ticket to travel to a place, but not to travel back
4……..	return (ticket)	d.	A ticket to travel to a place and back again.

1. Check your understanding: matching

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with the correct place from the box.

Oxford	Manchester	London
Cambridge	Exeter	

Listening A

The speaker wants to go to _____

Listening B

The speaker wants to go to _____

Listening C

The speaker wants to go to _____

Listening D

The train is going to _____

Listening E

The passengers want to go to _____

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2. Check your understanding: question and answer

Do this exercise while you listen. Write the correct answer to these questions.

1. Which platform does the 10.15 train to Cambridge leave from? _____
2. How much is a single ticket to Manchester? _____
3. Which platform does the 12.30 train to Manchester leave from? _____
4. What time does the train arrive at Exeter? _____
5. What time is the train back to London? _____
6. Which platform does the train back to London leave from? _____

Discussion
Do you often use the train? Why / Why not? What is your favourite type of public transport? Why?

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