

## Reading skills practice: A train timetable – exercises

Look at the train ticket and timetable and do the exercises to practise your reading skills.

### Preparation

Match the words with the correct definition and write a–d next to the number 1–4.

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|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1..... depart   | a. To reach a place, especially at the end of a journey.      |
| 2..... arrive   | b. The time a journey takes from start to end.                |
| 3..... duration | c. To go away or leave, especially at the start of a journey. |
| 4..... platform | d. The place in a train station to get on your train.         |

### UK TRAINS mini-timetable

| Departs | From              | To                                 | Arrives | Duration | Changes |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| 10:43   | Oxford Platform 1 | London Paddington Platform 11      | 11:54   | 1h 11m   | 1       |
| 11:01   | Oxford Platform 1 | London Paddington Platform 2       | 11:59   | 58m      | 0       |
| 11:07   | Oxford Platform 1 | London Paddington Platform 3       | 12:14   | 1h 07m   | 1       |
| 11:16   | Oxford Platform 1 | London Paddington (PAD) Platform 4 | 12:23   | 1h 07m   | 1       |

UK

TRAINS

CLASS  
**STD**

DATE VALID  
**22 JULY 2012**

FROM  
**OXFORD (OXF) ##**

TO  
**LONDON (all stations) ##**

TICKET TYPE  
**RETURN**

TICKET NUMBER  
**124466 9001273**

PRICE  
**£22.50**

PASSENGER TYPE  
**ADULT**



## 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

- |    |                                                                |             |              |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | The ticket is for trains to Oxford.                            | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | All trains leave from platform 1.                              | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | The first train leaves Oxford at 10:43.                        | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | The 10:43 train from Oxford takes 58 minutes to get to London. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | You don't have to change trains if you take the 11:01 train.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The 11:16 train from Oxford arrives in London on platform 3.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | The ticket is for a single journey only.                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | With this ticket you can go to any station in London.          | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a number from the box.

|    |       |       |   |    |       |
|----|-------|-------|---|----|-------|
| 58 | 12:14 | 11:16 | 1 | 22 | 22.50 |
|----|-------|-------|---|----|-------|

- This ticket is for the \_\_\_\_\_nd July only.
- The ticket costs £\_\_\_\_\_.
- The 11:07 train from Oxford arrives in London at \_\_\_\_\_.
- The 11:01 train from Oxford takes \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.
- All trains from Oxford leave from platform \_\_\_\_\_.
- The train at London Paddington platform 4 left Oxford at \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct option to complete these sentences.

- The 10:43 train from Oxford takes 58 minutes / 1 hour 7 minutes / 1 hour 11 minutes .
- The 10:43 train from Oxford is the slowest / fastest train.

3. The 11:01 train from Oxford arrives **before midday** / **after midday** .
4. The 11:07 train from Oxford arrives at **platform 11** / **platform 2** / **platform 3** / **platform 4** .
5. The 11:01 train from Oxford is the **slowest** / **fastest** .
6. The 11:16 train from Oxford takes **under 1 hour** / **exactly 1 hour** / **over 1 hour** .

**Discussion**

How often do you take a train?