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.

1…….. depart
2…….. arrive
3…….. duration
4…….. platform

a. To reach a place, especially at the end of a journey.
b. The time a journey takes from start to end.
c. To go away or leave, especially at the start of a journey.
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

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1. Check your understanding: true or false

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

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

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a number from the box.

58	12:14	11:16	1	22	22.50

1. This ticket is for the _____nd July only.
2. The ticket costs £_____.
3. The 11:07 train from Oxford arrives in London at _____.
4. The 11:01 train from Oxford takes _____ minutes.
5. All trains from Oxford leave from platform _____.
6. The train at London Paddington platform 4 left Oxford at _____.

3. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct option to complete these sentences.

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

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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?

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