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WORDS TO LEARN

comprehensive
deluxe
directory
duration
entitle
fare
offset
operate
punctually
relatively
remainder
remote

Trains

Study the following definitions and examples.

1. **comprehensive** adj., covering broadly; inclusive
   a. The conductor has a comprehensive knowledge of rail systems from all over the world.
   b. Our travel agent gave us a comprehensive travel package, including rail passes.
2. **deluxe** adj., noticeably luxurious
   a. My parents decided to splurge on deluxe accommodations for their trip.
   b. The train station is not near any of the deluxe hotels, so we will have to take a taxi.
3. **directory** n., a book or collection of information or directions
   a. We consulted the directory to see where the train station was located.
   b. By calling directory assistance, Mr. Scannel was able to get the phone number for the train station.
4. **duration** n., the time during which something lasts
   a. Mother lent me her spare jacket for the duration of the trip.
   b. Despite our personal differences, my roommate and I agreed to be as pleasant as possible for the duration of the train ride.
5. **entitle** v., to allow or qualify
   a. During the holiday rush, a train ticket entitled the passenger to a ride, but not necessarily a seat.
   b. The mess the train line made of Pedro's sleeping room reservations entitled him to a free upgrade to a better room.
6. **fare** n., the money paid for transportation
   a. The train fare has increased since I rode last.
   b. Pay your fare at the ticket office and you will get a ticket to board the train.
7. **offset** v., to counterbalance
   a. The high cost of the hotel room offset the savings we made by taking the train instead of the plane.
   b. By reducing her transportation costs once in the United States, Mrs. Sato offset the cost of getting to this country.
8. **operate** v., to perform a function
   a. The train operates on a punctual schedule.
   b. The train only operates in this area at the height of the tourist season.
9. **punctually** adv., promptly; on time
   a. Please be on time; the train leaves punctually at noon.
   b. The train usually arrives punctually; I can't imagine what is delaying it today.
10. **relatively** adv., somewhat
    a. The train is relatively empty for this time of day.
    b. The train station has been relatively busy for a weekday.
11. **remainder** n., the part that is left; leftover
    a. The Alaskan frontier has train service in the summer, but for the remainder of the year the tracks are impassable.
    b. We will move you to a less expensive room and credit the remainder of what you've already paid to your charge card.
12. **remote** adj., far away; not close to populated areas
    a. I was surprised to find train service to such a remote location.
    b. We took the train out of the city and found a remote hotel in the country for the weekend.

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WORDS IN CONTEXT

Read the following passage and write the words in the blanks below.

comprehensive	duration	offset	relatively
deluxe	entitle	operate	remainder
directories	fares	punctual	remote

Trains are among the best ways to see a lot of a country in a (1) _____ short amount of time. In addition to the consideration of time, traveling by train allows you to really see the country you are passing through. You need only get to the station on time; after that you can relax and watch from the window.

Most trains are on time and run on a (2) _____ schedule. Routes, schedules, and (3) _____ are listed in a timetable available at a train station, in many travel (4) _____, or posted on the World Wide Web. Directories that are (5) _____ list all the trains, the cities they serve, the stations they depart from, and the class of services available. A few (6) _____ travel destinations are accessible only during the peak tourist season; the train does not (7) _____ there the (8) _____ of the year.

The fare is based on how far you travel and the quality of your accommodations. The basic fare buys you a seat for the (9) _____ of the trip. To be more precise, an unreserved seat guarantees a passenger transportation only; seats are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. On busy holidays, it is possible that you could stand for at least some of your trip. For long trips, you will want to reserve a seat.

If you are traveling overnight, the cost of your room accommodation will depend on how (10) _____ your room is. Although taking the train is less expensive than flying, the savings may be (11) _____ by the cost of booking a sleeping room.

Travelers coming to the United States can take advantage of special rates not available in the United States. These passes (12) _____ the bearer to unlimited coach travel on trains for a fixed period of days, usually a month.

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noun	comprehensiveness	Due to the comprehensiveness of the train system, the complete timetable was a thick document.
adjective	comprehensive	Due to the comprehensive reach of the rail system, the train can take you to every major city and many smaller ones.
adverb	comprehensively	The surveyors comprehensively studied the terrain before planning the site for the new train tracks.

verb	direct	We were unfamiliar with the city, so the hotel manager directed us to the train station.
noun	direction	The ticket agent at the train station gave us directions to the nearest restaurant.
noun	directory	At the train station you can pick up a free directory to local restaurants, museums, and other places of interest to visitors.

verb	operate	Trains don't operate in this town after the summer tourism season is over.
noun	operation	The train system is a massive operation with thousands of large and small stations across the country.
adjective	operational	As the operational expenses for the train system rose, the managers were forced to either cut services or raise prices.

noun	punctuality	The Swiss trains are legendary for their punctuality.
adjective	punctual	For a transportation service to have any credibility, it must be punctual.
adverb	punctually	The conductor arrived punctually at the train station.

verb	remain	It is safer for all passengers to remain in their seats until the train comes to a complete stop.
noun	remains	The waiter cleared off the remains of our meal after we left the dining car.
noun	remainder	After our exciting stay in New York, the remainder of the trip seemed dull.

noun	remoteness	The remoteness of the state park was part of its attraction, but since it's not served by a train line, I couldn't get to it.
adjective	remote	The remote cabin in the woods can only be reached by car; the nearest train station or airport is more than 100 miles away.
adverb	remotely	I wasn't remotely interested in taking a cross-country trip by train since I can't stand to be confined for a long time.

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WORD PRACTICE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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Track 13

Part 1 Photo

Look at the picture and listen to the sentences. Choose the sentence that best describes the picture.



1. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

Part 2 Question–Response

Listen to the question and the three responses. Choose the response that best answers the question.

2. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ

3. Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ

Part 3 Conversation

Listen to the dialogue. Then read each question and choose the best answer.

4. What are the speakers discussing?
   (A) The operator of the train.
   (B) The comfort of the train ride.
   (C) The directions to the train station.
   (D) The time the train leaves.

5. How long will their train ride be?
   (A) Three and a half hours.
   (B) Five hours.
   (C) Ten hours.
   (D) Thirty hours.

6. What will they do now?
   (A) Eat some snacks.
   (B) Buy their train tickets.
   (C) Get on the train.
   (D) Buy something to read.

Part 4 Talk

Listen to the talk. Then read each question and choose the best answer.

7. What is an advantage of riding a high-speed train?
   (A) It is always on time.
   (B) It goes to many cities.
   (C) You can get off anytime you want.
   (D) It is cheaper than a plane.

8. What is true about a high-speed train?
   (A) It operates in most cities.
   (B) It is almost as slow as a traditional train.
   (C) It is almost as fast as a plane in some cases.
   (D) It is just as fast as a traditional train.

9. What is included in the cost of a high-speed train ticket?
   (A) A comfortable seat.
   (B) A movie.
   (C) A class.
   (D) A free meal.

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Part 5 Incomplete Sentences

Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

10. Do you have a _____ map that shows all the station stops west of the Mississippi?
    (A) comprehension (C) comprehensive
    (B) comprehensively (D) comprehensiveness

11. We got lost in the train station and had to ask for _____ to the gate that our train was leaving from.
    (A) directions (C) directory
    (B) directed (D) directs

12. The train has stopped because of a malfunction, but we expect it to be _____ again within minutes.
    (A) operational (C) operation
    (B) operate (D) operationally

13. John never arrives _____, so I am always anxious when we travel together for fear of missing a train.
    (A) punctualness (C) punctual
    (B) punctually (D) punctuality

14. Sylvia's family _____ with her in the station until she was ready to board the train.
    (A) remains (C) remained
    (B) remainder (D) remaining

15. With this traffic, there isn't even a _____ chance that we will get to the train station on time.
    (A) remotely (C) remoteness
    (B) remote (D) remotest

Part 6 Text Completion

Dear Henry,

I have made your train reservations for you. The tickets are enclosed. Your train leaves Sunday morning at 11:15. You should arrive at the train station on time since the trains all leave punctually. All the first-class tickets were sold out, so I wasn't able to get you deluxe accommodations. The tourist-class ticket I got you is considerably cheaper than a first-class ticket, so I hope the lower __16__ offsets your disappointment in not getting to ride first-class. I think you won't notice the difference since the trip is __17__ short. I am sure you will be quite comfortable for the __18__ of the ride. I will be waiting at the station for you when you arrive. I look forward to seeing you.

Eliza

17. (A) far
    (B) fair
    (C) fore
    (D) fare

18. (A) relatively
    (B) relation
    (C) relative
    (D) related

19. (A) duration
    (B) during
    (C) endure
    (D) endurance

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Part 7 Reading Comprehension

Questions 19–23 refer to the following brochure.

Western Train Adventure

This comprehensive travel package includes round-trip train fare with sleeping car accommodations, deluxe hotel accommodations and meals at all overnight stops, and guided tours of selected cities along the way. In addition, your train ticket entitles you to three meals a day in the dining car or snack car while on board the train. We will travel through some remote areas with spectacular scenery. Every morning, a professional guide will provide information about the geology, natural history, and flora and fauna native to the areas we will travel through. You can spend the remainder of the day relaxing in your seat, chatting with your fellow passengers, or viewing movies. They will be shown twice a day in the lounge car, following lunch and dinner. An optional boat excursion to Victoria Island will be available at the western end of the trip for an extra fee. This special excursion is two days in duration and must be reserved and paid for two weeks prior to the trip departure date. The following trip departure dates are available:

June 7
June 28
July 21
August 8

See your travel agent for reservations, or visit our web site at www.trainadventures.com.

19. Who is this information for?
    (A) Travel agents.
    (B) Tour guides.
    (C) Vacationers.
    (D) Business travelers.

20. Where can passengers watch movies?
    (A) In the dining car.
    (B) In the lounge car.
    (C) In the sleeping car.
    (D) In the snack car.

21. What is not included in the price of the travel package?
    (A) Hotel accommodations.
    (B) Meals.
    (C) Guided tours.
    (D) A trip to an island.

22. The word *comprehensive* in line 2 is closest in meaning to
    (A) inclusive
    (B) selected
    (C) reserved
    (D) popular

23. The word *entitles* in line 4 is closest in meaning to
    (A) suggest
    (B) reminds
    (C) expects
    (D) qualifies

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