

Transport announcements

Listen to some transport announcements to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (1–8) with the words in **bold** letters in the sentences (a–h).

Definitions

1. train
2. a section of a train
3. to leave
4. to get on a plane, train or boat
5. to end
6. to be careful about
7. more or less
8. space

Sentences

- a. Move to the front of the **carriage**.
- b. **Approximately** five minutes.
- c. Your plane is **boarding** at Gate 1.
- d. Your plane will **depart** soon.
- e. Some **rail** services are delayed.
- f. **Mind** where you walk.
- g. There is a **gap** between the platform and the train.
- h. This train **terminates** here.

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	Answer	
1. The Bristol train is at 20.12.	True	False
2. First class is at the back of the train.	True	False
3. Passengers for Oxford are delayed by 8 minutes.	True	False
4. The Paris flight is EV318.	True	False
5. People in the front of the train carriage can get out easily at Liverpool Street.	True	False
6. The back doors won't open.	True	False
7. Liverpool Street has lots of other underground lines.	True	False
8. Redbridge is the last stop.	True	False

Task 2

Write the numbers next to the information.

13	9	8	3
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1. The number of stops before Bristol Temple Meads.
2. The number of minutes delay to the Bristol train.
3. The new platform for the Bristol train.
4. The gate for the Paris flight.

Discussion

How often do you travel by plane or train?

Transcript

A

The next train to arrive at Platform 2 is the 12.20 to Bristol Temple Meads, calling at Reading, Oxford and Bristol Parkway. Platform 2 for the 12.20 to Bristol. First class is in the rear carriage.

B

This is a platform announcement for passengers for the 12.20 service to Bristol Temple Meads. This train is delayed by approximately 8 minutes. The train will now depart from Platform 9. Passengers for the 12.20 train to Bristol, please make your way to Platform 9.

C

Passengers for Flight EB380 to Paris please make your way to Gate 13 for boarding. Gate 13 for flight EB380 to Paris. Please have your passports and boarding passes ready. Your flight is ready to board.

D

This is a London Underground service to Liverpool Street. The next station is Liverpool Street. Upon arrival, the first set of doors will not open. Customers in the first carriage, please move towards the rear doors to leave the train. The next station is Liverpool Street. Change here for Central Line, Circle Line, Hammersmith & City Line and Metropolitan Line and Main Line Suburban rail services. Please mind the gap between the train and the platform. This train terminates at Redbridge.

Answers

Preparation task

1. e
2. a
3. d
4. c
5. h
6. f
7. b
8. g

Task 1

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. False
7. True
8. True

Task 2

1. 3
2. 8
3. 9
4. 13