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?

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

Answer
True   True   True   True   True   True   True   True
False  False  False  False  False  False  False  False
Task 2
Write the numbers next to the information.

| 13 | 9 | 8 | 3 |

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