



# On a Train

Conversation > Intermediate 4



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>clerk</b>	A worker who performs sales-related tasks.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I asked the station <b>clerk</b> for directions.</i>

<b>cost</b>	To require the payment of a particular amount of money, or other valuable things.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Having a software company <b>costs</b> a lot of money.</i>

<b>platform</b>	The raised area at a train station, used for passengers to get on/off the train.
[noun]	<i>Ex: You need to go to <b>platform</b> number two.</i>

<b>one-way ticket</b>	A ticket that does not have a return trip.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I bought a <b>one-way ticket</b> to Sydney.</i>

<b>return ticket</b>	A ticket that can be used to travel to a place and back.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I bought <b>two return tickets</b> for my friend and me.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Dialogue

*Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.*

Jack: I would like to get a ticket to the West station. How much is it?

Clerk: Would you like a one-way or return ticket, sir?

Jack: One-way ticket, please.

Clerk: It costs \$5.

Jack: Here you go. Could you please tell me which platform the train to the West station departs from?

Clerk: It's the second platform. Just turn right and take the stairs.

Jack: Thank you. One more question, which train should I take to get to the West station?

Clerk: You can take any train. All trains stop at the West station.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.*

### Answer Pool

return ticket  
one-way ticket  
cost  
platform  
clerk

1. It \_\_\_\_\_ us a lot of time to fix that mistake.
2. He told the sales \_\_\_\_\_ that he was just looking.
3. The express train leaves from this \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I bought a \_\_\_\_\_. Don't worry, I'm coming back soon.
5. Can I have a \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris? I'm not coming back.



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

*Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.*

**Scene:** You need to buy a ticket for your trip, talk to the clerk and get one. The teacher can be the clerk.



## Exercise 5 – Discussion

*Discuss the following questions with your tutor.*

1. How often do you travel by train?
2. What was the longest train trip that you've ever taken?
3. Have you ever tried traveling by train in a foreign country?
4. Do you think public transportation is good in your country?
5. What do you think is the best means of transportation? Why?