

BOOKING A TRAIN TICKET
Activities
Before listening

Look at the idioms using transport words below and match them to the definitions.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

	idiom		meaning
1	to get on your bike	a	to make someone very angry
2	On yer bike !	b	to tell someone to improve or leave
3	flight of fancy	c	to describe something that is exactly what you want
4	any port in a storm	d	When you're in trouble, any way out is a good way out.
5	drive someone round the bend	e	a secluded place where few people go
6	to be in the same boat	f	an impractical idea which shows a lot of imagination

7	go off the rails	g	to be in the same situation as someone else
8	shape up or ship out	h	to tell someone to start moving
9	to be just the ticket	i	an impolite way of telling someone to go away
10	off the beaten track	j	to start behaving in a bad way

Prediction – imagine you are buying a ticket at a train station. Write down phrases and vocabulary you would expect to hear or say.

Listen and see if any of your ideas are mentioned.

After listening

Answer the questions

1. Where does the man want to go?
2. What kind of ticket does he want?
3. How much does the East Coast Express cost?
4. Where does the train leave from?
5. How long does the journey take?

Listen again and check your answers.

Role play the dialogue. Take it in turns to play the customer and sales person.

Extension

Remove the dialogue and role play again. Introduce different scenarios.

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/language-assistant/essential-uk/transport>

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