

41 Travelling

A Types of transport



train



(aero)plane



car



bus



bicycle/bike



taxi



motorbike/motorcycle



underground



boat



ship



helicopter

B Useful travel words



map



timetable



customs



luggage



passport

Can I have a **single/return** (ticket) to Barcelona please? (single = Madrid → Barcelona; return = Madrid ⇌ Barcelona)

I'd like to **book/reserve** a seat in advance. (to make sure you have a seat)

How much is the (train / bus / taxi / air) **fare**?

Was the **journey** long? [NOT Was the ~~travel~~ long?]

C By train

The train arriving at platform 3 is the 16:50 train to Paris.

The Edinburgh train **departs/leaves** from platform 6.

Is there a **buffet/restaurant car** on this train?

Do I have to **change trains** for Toulouse? (= get off one train and go onto another)



D By plane

You have to **check in** an hour before the plane **takes off** (= leaves the ground).

I went **through customs** but nobody checked my passport. [NOT ~~controlled~~ my passport]

(See Unit 27.)

Give your **boarding card** to the **flight stewards** when you get on the plane.

Have a good **flight**.

The plane landed in New York at 5.30.

E By car

We **hired** a car for a week. We had to **fill it up** with petrol.

Can I give you a **lift**? I'm going into town.



Unit 14 (Moving) has some more useful words about travelling.

Exercises

41.1 Match the words on the left with their definitions on the right. Draw lines.

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| 1 land | a a place to eat on a train |
| 2 fare | b bags and suitcases |
| 3 buffet car | c it says when trains depart and arrive |
| 4 ship | d what you must pay when you travel |
| 5 timetable | e planes do this at airports |
| 6 platform | f it travels on water e.g. the <i>Titanic</i> |
| 7 luggage | g where you stand when you are waiting for a train |

41.2 Can you answer these questions about the vocabulary of travel?

- 1 What is the difference between a single ticket and a return ticket?
- 2 What does a customs officer do?
- 3 Does a plane take off at the end of a journey?
- 4 What do you do with a boarding card?
- 5 What is the difference between hiring a car and buying a car?
- 6 If you ask someone for a lift, do you want to go to the top floor?

41.3 Here are instructions to get to John's house from the airport.

When you arrive at the airport, take a number 10 bus to the railway station. Then take a train to Bigtown. The journey takes half an hour and you get off the train at the second stop. Take a taxi from the station to John's house.

Now write instructions for someone to get to your house from the airport.

41.4 Make cards to test yourself. Write the word on one side of the card and a picture (or a definition or translation) on the other side. Look at the pictures (or definitions or translations). Can you remember the English words?

41.5 Complete the crossword.

Across

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Down

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