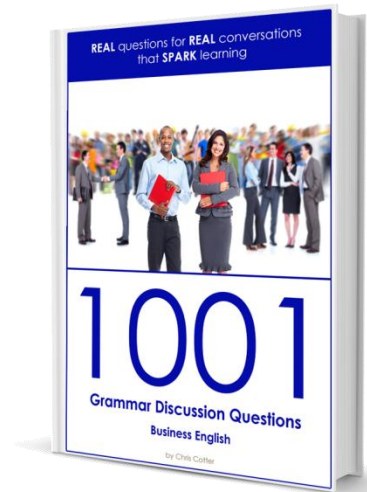
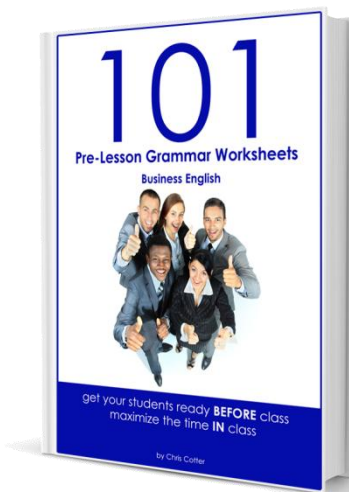


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the ARTICLE

Read the article.

Train journeys are a great way to discover the nature and people of a country. You travel at a slower pace. You see the cities, towns, and countryside. You meet and talk with many people. You try local foods.

Train journeys remind travelers about an older, more romantic way of travel too. There is the famous Orient Express, for example. It ran from Paris to Istanbul, and now runs from London to Venice and other cities in Europe. It is very luxurious. Or there is the Trans-Siberian Express. It runs more than 5000 miles from Vladivostok to Moscow, and it takes about one week!

Every continent and every country has a great train journey. Maybe you should take a train next time you travel.

WARM UP

Discuss the questions with your partner for two or three minutes.

- 1: Do you usually take the train?
- 2: How often do you take the train? Where do you go?

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Answer the questions before/after your read the article.

- 1: Are train journeys a good or bad way to see a place? Why?
- 2: The article talks about two train journeys. Explain each journey.
- 3: Is the writer positive or negative about train travel? Why do you think so?

DISCUSS

Discuss these questions with a partner. Remember to support your answers.

- 1: Do you like train travel? Why/not?
- 2: Did you take the train in another country? Where did you go?
- 3: Do you want to take the Orient Express, Trans-Siberian, or another journey? Why/not?
- 4: What is the best way to travel? Why do you think so?