

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: role-play, asking and answering questions from prompts, communicative practice (pair work)

Focus

Travel information:

Question forms

Travel vocabulary: timetable, single/return ticket, baggage allowance

Time expressions: *a.m.*, *p.m.*, *hours*, *minutes*

Numbers and prices

Aim

To practice asking and answering questions about train and flight schedules, prices, and baggage allowances.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this travel information role-play, students practice asking and answering questions about train and flight schedules, prices, and baggage allowances between London and Paris.

Procedure

Divide the students into two groups (A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Explain that the students are going to role-play two conversations between a ticket agent and a customer, who wants to find out travel information.

Draw the students' attention to the missing travel information in the second box on the worksheet.

Tell the students to work together with the people in their group and prepare the questions they need to ask to find out the missing information.

Afterwards, check the questions with the class.

Possible questions:

What time does the train/flight leave from Monday to Friday? What time does the train/flight leave on Saturday/Sunday? How long does the train/flight take? How much is a single/return ticket? What is the baggage allowance?

Next, students pair up with someone from the other group.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

One student takes on the role of a ticket agent, while the other acts as a customer looking for travel information.

The pair then role-plays a conversation where they ask and answer train travel information questions with the customer noting down the answers in the spaces provided.

Students can start like this:

C: Hi, I would like to find out information about *trains* from London to Paris.

TA: Sure, what would you like to know?

When the students have finished, they switch roles and move on to a second scenario, this time focusing on air travel information.

Afterwards, pairs present their role-plays to the class.



Student A

Ticket Agent

Eurostar Trains: London to Paris

Timetable

Monday to Friday: Every hour 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m.

Travel time

2 hours 15 minutes

Price

Single: £49 or Return: £89

Baggage Allowance

1 big bag (25 kg) + 1 small bag (8 kg)

Customer

British Airways Flights: London to Paris

Timetable
Monday to Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday:
Travel time
Price
Single:
Return:
Baggage allowance





Student B

Ticket Agent

British Airways Flights: London to Paris

Timetable

Monday to Friday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Travel time

1 hour 20 minutes

Price

Single: £70 Return: £99

Baggage Allowance

1 large bag (20 kgs), plus 1 carry-on bag (7 kgs).

Eurostar Trains: London to Paris

Timetable
Monday to Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday:
Travel time
Price
Single:
Return:
Baggage allowance