

travelling on public transport

<p>Learn with television</p> <p>Talk French: Programme 4</p> <p>Discover that no visit to Marseille is complete without a boat trip (une promenade en bateau) along the wild coastline of the calanques. Find out too about the pride of France – le TGV - le Train à Grande Vitesse - and learn how to plan a journey.</p> <p>Talk French is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p>Learn online</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french</p> <p>French Steps</p> <p>Stage 1: Getting tickets: Join Hakim M'Barek in Paris as he buys a book of tickets for the Métro. Then follow him in Stage 5: Taking the train as he buys a ticket for the train to Vienne, near Lyon.</p> <p>In both cases, watch the slideshows and do the activities. Then read the Stage 1 <i>Fact File</i> about transport in France and check out some of the links to sites of interest.</p>
<p>Learning hint</p> <p>Visit the TGV website www.tgv.com and see the various routes by clicking on the French map Préparez votre voyage. Once you've chosen a departure town and a destination, click on Horaires et réservations, decide on the date you wish to travel and let the site organise your journey. When you have all the journey details, work out the dialogue you'd have if you were organising that journey in a station.</p>	
<p>Key language</p> <p>Je voudrais un aller simple pour Paris I'd like a single ticket to Paris</p> <p>Le train part de quel quai? Which platform does the train leave from?</p> <p>Il part à quelle heure? What time does it leave?</p> <p>Il arrive à quelle heure? What time does it arrive?</p> <p>En fumeur ou non fumeur? Smoking or non smoking?</p> <p>Fenêtre ou couloir? Window or corridor?</p> <p>Le train est direct? Is the train direct?</p>	<p>l'horaire timetable</p> <p>un billet ticket</p> <p>un aller retour return ticket</p> <p>un carnet book of métro tickets</p> <p>le métro the underground</p> <p>en première classe in first class</p> <p>en deuxième classe in second class</p> <p>en carte bleue by debit card</p>
<p>Quiz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which of these is the odd one out: carnet, voie, quai? 2. If you're told that your train part à vingt heures quarante, what time is it due to leave? 3. When you're buying your train ticket, the clerk asks En espèces ou en carte bleue? What does he want to know? 4. He then says N'oubliez pas de composer votre billet. What does that mean? 5. How would you ask for a single to Lyon? 6. The price of your ticket is 34,28€. What's that in French? <p>Answers on www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml</p>	