

## travel by public transport

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>Talk Italian: Programme 5</b></p> <p>Watch people buying train tickets to Genova and finding out about going to Firenze by coach. Find out about the various types of trains in Italy, and learn how to organise a journey.</p> <p>Talk Italian is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone">www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone</a> and video all the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p><b>Learn online</b> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian</a></p> <p><b>Italian Steps</b></p> <p><b>Stage 1: Local transport</b> Follow Giovanna and a friend as they buy tickets for the vaporetto in Venice, and later in <b>Stage 5: Buying a train ticket</b> as she goes to Venice by train. Watch how she goes about organising her journey, then have a go yourself.</p> <p><b>Talk Italian: Buying train tickets</b></p> <p>Watch selected clips of the TV programme then do the activities and see whether you could get from Vicenza to Venezia.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>Use the Italian National Railway website <a href="http://www.fs-on-line.it">www.fs-on-line.it</a> to plan a train journey from one town in Italy to another. Find <b>Orario ferroviario</b>, click on <b>Consulta l'orario</b> then fill the boxes <b>Da dove vuoi partire?, Dove vuoi arrivare?, Quando vuoi partire?</b> etc. [<b>dove</b> 'where'; <b>quando</b> 'when'; <b>vuoi</b> 'you want']</p> <p>Pick a train from the ones offered and print out the details. Then practise the questions you'd need to ask in a station to find out those details.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>C'è un ... per...?</b> Is there a .... for...?</p> <p><b>Vorrei un biglietto per...</b> I'd like a ticket for...</p> <p><b>A che ora arriva?</b> What time does it arrive?</p> <p><b>A che ora parte?</b> What time does it leave?</p> <p><b>Da che binario parte?</b> From which platform does it leave?</p> <p><b>Devo cambiare?</b> Do I have to change?</p> <p><b>Deve...</b> You have to...</p> <p><b>...pagare un supplemento</b> ...pay a supplement</p> <p><b>...convalidare il biglietto</b> ...stamp the ticket</p>	<p><b>la stazione</b> station</p> <p><b>il treno</b> train</p> <p><b>il rapido</b> fast train</p> <p><b>il pullman</b> coach</p> <p><b>il binario</b> platform</p> <p><b>il sottopassaggio</b> subway</p> <p><b>la riservazione</b> booking</p> <p><b>il biglietto di andata e ritorno</b> return ticket</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would you ask if there's a coach to Ravenna?</li> <li>If you're told <b>Il treno parte alle quindici e trenta</b>, what time is your train due to leave?</li> <li>What's the significance of the letters <b>IC</b> next to a train on the departures board?</li> <li>To find out what platform your train to Naples leaves from, what words would you need to insert in this question? <b>__ che _____ parte il treno __ Napoli?</b></li> <li>When buying a ticket, you're asked <b>Andata e ritorno?</b> How will you say you just want a single?</li> <li>In Rome, someone advises you to buy a <b>BIT</b>. What is it?</li> </ol> <p>Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/answers.shtml</a></p>	