

Taiwan's MRT System

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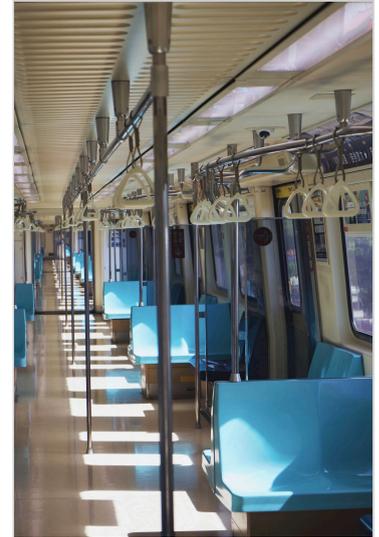
The MRT is Taiwan's subway train. MRT stands for Mass Rapid **Transit**. The trains run under the ground. Taipei has the biggest MRT system. Kaohsiung also has one.

The MRT is very **clean**. There are rules to follow. You cannot eat or drink on the train. If you do, you will pay a **fine**. People keep the MRT nice for everyone.

Riding the MRT is easy. You use a card called an EasyCard. Just **tap** the card when you enter and exit. The card takes the money **automatically**. You can add more money at machines.

The trains come very often. You only wait a few **minutes**. Each train line has a color like red, blue, or green. Signs help you find the right **platform**. It is hard to get lost.

Millions of people use the MRT every day. It is faster than taking a bus or car. There is no **traffic**. The MRT helps make Taiwan a great place to live and visit!



A. Vocabulary

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| 1. transit _____ | a. money you pay when you break a rule |
| 2. clean _____ | b. to touch something lightly |
| 3. fine _____ | c. moving people from place to place |
| 4. tap _____ | d. not dirty; neat and tidy |
| 5. automatically _____ | e. by itself; without help |
| 6. minutes _____ | f. the place where you wait for a train |
| 7. platform _____ | g. many cars on the road |
| 8. traffic _____ | h. a train that goes underground |
| 9. subway _____ | i. short amounts of time |
| 10. system _____ | j. a group of things that work together |

B. True or False

1. MRT trains run above the ground. ____
2. You can eat on the MRT. ____
3. The MRT is very clean. ____
4. You use an EasyCard to ride. ____
5. Each line has a different color. ____
6. You must wait a long time for trains. ____
7. Kaohsiung has an MRT system. ____
8. You must pay a fine if you eat on the MRT. ____
9. The MRT is slower than cars. ____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: transit, clean, fine, tap, platform, traffic, minutes

1. MRT stands for Mass Rapid _____.
2. The MRT is very _____ because of the rules.
3. You will pay a _____ if you eat on the train.
4. Just _____ the card when you enter.
5. You only wait a few _____ for the train.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. What does MRT stand for?
2. What can you NOT do on the MRT?
3. How do you pay for the MRT?
4. How do you know which train to take?
5. Why is the MRT faster than cars?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Have you ridden a subway train before?
2. Why do you think there are rules about eating?
3. How do you usually get to school?

Answer Key

A. Vocabulary: 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-b, 5-e, 6-i, 7-f, 8-g, 9-h, 10-j

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T, 9-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-transit, 2-clean, 3-fine, 4-tap, 5-minutes

D. Comprehension: 1. Mass Rapid Transit; 2. Eat or drink; 3. Using an EasyCard that you tap; 4. Each line has a different color; 5. Because there is no traffic