



The High Speed Rail

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The high speed rail is a very **fast** train. It can travel much faster than a car or a normal train. Many countries have built high speed rail lines to help people move between cities quickly.

In Taiwan, the high speed rail goes from Taipei to Kaohsiung. The trip takes about 90 minutes. Without the train, the same **journey** by car takes more than four hours. People love the train because it saves time.

The train has many comfortable seats. Passengers can read, sleep, or look out the **window** at the green fields and tall mountains. Some trains have a small shop that sells snacks and drinks.

The high speed rail is also very safe. The trains run on special **tracks** that are smooth and straight. Workers check the trains every day to make sure everything works well. Drivers must follow strict rules.

Many people use the high speed rail to go to work, visit family, or take a holiday. It is good for the environment because it uses less fuel than cars or planes. The high speed rail is a **modern** way to travel, and more cities around the world want one.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. fast ____ | a. not in danger of being hurt |
| 2. journey ____ | b. natural world of land, water, air, and living things |
| 3. window ____ | c. feeling relaxed and pleasant to use |
| 4. tracks ____ | d. small amounts of food eaten between meals |
| 5. modern ____ | e. new and using the latest ideas or technology |
| 6. passengers ____ | f. moving at high speed |
| 7. comfortable ____ | g. trip from one place to another |
| 8. environment ____ | h. opening in a wall or vehicle with glass |
| 9. snacks ____ | i. metal rails that trains run on |
| 10. safe ____ | j. people who travel in a vehicle but do not drive it |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. The high speed rail is slower than a car. | ___ 2. Taiwan's high speed rail goes from Taipei to Kaohsiung. |
| ___ 3. The trip from Taipei to Kaohsiung takes about 90 minutes on the train. | ___ 4. The same journey by car takes only one hour. |
| ___ 5. The seats on the train are uncomfortable. | ___ 6. Some trains have a small shop that sells snacks and drinks. |

___ 7. Workers check the trains every week.

___ 8. The high speed rail uses more fuel than cars or planes.

___ 9. People use the train to go to work or visit family.

___ 10. More cities around the world want a high speed rail.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: fast, journey, window, tracks, modern, passengers, comfortable, safe

1. The high speed rail is a very _____ train that can go faster than a car.
2. The _____ from Taipei to Kaohsiung takes about 90 minutes.
3. People can look out the _____ at the green fields and tall mountains.
4. The trains run on special _____ that are smooth and straight.
5. The high speed rail is a _____ way to travel.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. How long does the high speed rail trip from Taipei to Kaohsiung take?
2. What can passengers do while they ride the train?
3. Why is the high speed rail good for the environment?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to travel on a high speed rail? Why or why not?
2. What is the best way to travel between cities in your country, and why?



Answer Key

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

B. True/False: 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-F, 9-T, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-fast, 2-journey, 3-window, 4-tracks, 5-modern

D. Comprehension:

1. The trip takes about 90 minutes.
2. They can read, sleep, or look out the window at the fields and mountains.
3. It is good for the environment because it uses less fuel than cars or planes.

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