

## travelling by train

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#### Talk German: Programme 5

Watch people buying tickets at Munich station and in the mountain resort of Mittelwald. Learn how to ask for a ticket, reserve a seat and enquire about train times.

Talk German is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on [www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone) then video the programmes to watch at your leisure.

### Learn online

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german)

#### German Steps Stage 5: Taking the train

Join Andrea in Berlin station as she gets ready to go to Leipzig – then have a go yourself at buying a ticket. Find out about trains in Germany and check out the links to sites of interest.

#### Talk German: Buy train tickets

Find out about reserving seats on trains. Watch the video clips, read the transcript, do the activities then check your progress.

### Learning hint

Use the German National Railway website [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de) to plan a train journey between two towns in Germany. In the **Reiseauskunft** box enter the towns of departure and destination and the date you wish to travel. Print out the details of the trains offered. Then practise the questions you'd need to ask in a station to find out the departure/arrival times, cost of the ticket and whether you need to change.

### Key language

**Wann fährt der nächste Zug nach ...?** When is the next train to ...?

**Wann fährt der nächste Zug ab?** When does the next train leave?

**Wann kommt der Zug in München an?** When does the train arrive in Munich?

**Der Zug kommt um 16 Uhr in Leipzig an** The train arrives in Leipzig at 16.00

**Muss ich umsteigen?** Do I have to change?

**Steigen Sie in Jüterbog um** Change at Jüterbog

**Muss ich einen Platz reservieren?** Do I have to reserve a seat?

**Wo bekomme ich Fahrkarten?** Where do I get tickets?

**der Bahnhof** station

**einfach** single

**hin und zurück** return

**die Rückfahrkarte** return ticket

**heute** today

**das Gleis** platform

**erste/ zweite Klasse** first/ second class

**Gute Reise!** Have a good trip!

### Quiz

1. The clerk tells you the train arrives **um zehn Uhr dreißig**. What time is that?
2. You don't smoke; how would you answer the question **Raucher oder Nichtraucher?**
3. How would you ask what time the last train to Hamburg leaves?
4. What's special about the verbs **abfahren**, **ankommen** and **umsteigen**?
5. What is **ein Zuschlag**?
6. What information do you give if you're asked **Wann möchten Sie fahren?**

Answers on [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/answers.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/answers.shtml)