

# Taiwan High Speed Rail

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Taiwan has a very **fast** train. It is called the High Speed Rail, or HSR. The trains are white and orange. They look very **modern** and clean. Many people ride them every day.



The HSR can go 300 kilometers per hour. That is very **speedy**! A trip from Taipei to Kaohsiung takes only 90 **minutes**. By car, the same trip takes about 4 hours.

The HSR started in 2007. It has 12 **stations** along the west side of Taiwan. The trains are very **comfortable**. They have big seats and air conditioning. You can even buy food on the train.

Riding the HSR is easy. You can buy **tickets** at the station or online. There are machines that speak English too. Many **tourists** use the HSR to travel around Taiwan.

The trains are also very **safe**. They stop **automatically** if there is a problem. Taiwan is proud of its high speed rail. It helps people travel quickly and easily!

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. fast _____           | a. places where trains stop             |
| 2. modern _____         | b. short amounts of time; 60 in an hour |
| 3. speedy _____         | c. moving quickly                       |
| 4. minutes _____        | d. new and up to date                   |
| 5. stations _____       | e. by itself; without help              |
| 6. comfortable _____    | f. feeling nice and relaxed             |
| 7. tickets _____        | g. people visiting from other places    |
| 8. tourists _____       | h. very quick                           |
| 9. safe _____           | i. not dangerous                        |
| 10. automatically _____ | j. papers that let you ride             |

## B. True or False

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1. The HSR trains are blue. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The HSR can go 300 km per hour. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Taipei to Kaohsiung takes 4 hours by HSR. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The HSR started in 2007. \_\_\_\_\_
5. There are 12 stations. \_\_\_\_\_
6. You can buy food on the train. \_\_\_\_\_
7. You can only buy tickets at the station. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The trains stop automatically if there is a problem. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The seats are small and hard. \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** fast, modern, minutes, stations, comfortable, tickets, safe

1. Taiwan has a very \_\_\_\_\_ train called the HSR.
2. The trains look very \_\_\_\_\_ and clean.
3. A trip from Taipei to Kaohsiung takes only 90 \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You can buy \_\_\_\_\_ at the station or online.
5. The trains are very \_\_\_\_\_ and stop if there is a problem.

## D. Comprehension Questions

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1. How fast can the HSR go?
2. When did the HSR start?
3. How many stations are there?
4. How long does it take from Taipei to Kaohsiung?
5. How can you buy tickets?

## E. Discussion Questions

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1. Have you ridden on a fast train before?
2. Why do you think fast trains are useful?
3. How do you usually travel to other cities?

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## Answer Key

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

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

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-fast, 2-modern, 3-minutes, 4-tickets, 5-safe

**D. Comprehension:** 1. 300 kilometers per hour; 2. 2007; 3. 12 stations; 4. 90 minutes; 5. At the station or online