



# 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 high speed rail, like Japan, China, France, and Taiwan. People love to ride it because it saves time.

The trains are long and have a smooth, pointed nose. This shape helps them **travel** through the air with less wind. Some high speed trains can go more than 300 kilometers each hour. That is very fast!

Inside the train, the seats are soft and big. There is a lot of space for your bags. You can read a book, look out the window, or take a quiet nap. The ride is **smooth** and quiet, so you do not feel sick.

High speed rail is also good for the Earth. It uses electric power, so it does not make a lot of dirty air. People can take the train instead of driving a car or flying in a plane. This helps to **reduce** pollution in cities.

To ride the train, you go to a big **station**. You buy a ticket, find your seat, and wait for the train. The train leaves on time, so you must not be late. High speed rail is a fun and fast way to **explore** new cities and meet new people.

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. rail ____      | a. using power that moves through wires             |
| 2. travel ____    | b. dirty air, water, or land that is bad for nature |
| 3. smooth ____    | c. small paper that lets you ride a train or bus    |
| 4. reduce ____    | d. person who rides in a train, bus, car, or plane  |
| 5. station ____   | e. place where trains stop and people get on or off |
| 6. explore ____   | f. long metal track that trains ride on             |
| 7. ticket ____    | g. go from one place to another                     |
| 8. pollution ____ | h. flat and even, with no bumps                     |
| 9. passenger ____ | i. make something smaller or less                   |
| 10. electric ____ | j. go to new places to learn about them             |

## B. True or False

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| ___ 1. The high speed rail is slower than a car.      | ___ 2. Japan, China, France, and Taiwan have high speed rail.            |
| ___ 3. High speed trains have a flat, square nose.    | ___ 4. Some high speed trains can go more than 300 kilometers each hour. |
| ___ 5. The seats inside the train are small and hard. | ___ 6. You can read a book or take a nap on the train.                   |

\_\_\_ 7. High speed rail uses electric power.

\_\_\_ 8. Riding the train makes more pollution than driving a car.

\_\_\_ 9. You need a ticket to ride the high speed rail.

\_\_\_ 10. The train waits for late people before it leaves.

### C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** station, travel, smooth, reduce, explore, ticket, pollution, electric

1. You must buy a \_\_\_\_\_ before you get on the train.
2. The high speed rail uses \_\_\_\_\_ power, not gas.
3. Taking the train can \_\_\_\_\_ pollution in big cities.
4. We go to the train \_\_\_\_\_ to wait for our train.
5. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ new cities by riding the fast train.

### D. Comprehension Questions

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1. Why do people love to ride the high speed rail?
2. How is high speed rail good for the Earth?
3. What do you do at the station before you ride the train?

### E. Discussion Questions

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1. Would you like to ride a high speed train? Where would you go?
2. Is it better to travel by train, car, or plane? 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-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T, 10-F

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-ticket, 2-electric, 3-reduce, 4-station, 5-explore

**D. Comprehension:**

1. People love it because it is very fast and saves time.
2. It uses electric power, so it makes less dirty air and reduces pollution.
3. You buy a ticket, find your seat, and wait for the train.

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