



Alishan Forest Railway

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The Alishan Forest **Railway** is a famous train in Taiwan. It travels through beautiful mountains and forests in the south of Taiwan. Many people from all over the world come to ride this special train every year. The railway is very important to Taiwan.

The railway is very old. It started over 100 years ago, in 1906. Workers built it to carry wood from the **forest** down to the city. Today, it carries tourists who want to see the beautiful views of Alishan. It is one of Taiwan's most popular attractions.

The train travels up the **mountain** slowly. Sometimes it goes through a **tunnel** cut into the rock. The journey takes several hours, but the views are amazing. You can see green hills, waterfalls, and colorful flowers along the way. There are also small villages and farms near the tracks.

Many visitors wake up very early to watch the **sunrise** from Alishan. The sun comes up over the clouds and the mountain peaks. It is one of the most beautiful sights in Taiwan. The train helps people get to the best spots to watch it. Visitors take many photos of the golden sky.

The Alishan Forest Railway is a wonderful place to visit. The air is clean and cool in the mountains. The tall trees make the forest feel peaceful and quiet. Children and adults all love the train ride. If you visit Taiwan, you should not miss this amazing railway!

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. railway ____ | a. having beautiful natural views of nature or landscape |
| 2. forest ____ | b. raised flat area at a train station where passengers wait |
| 3. steam ____ | c. not wide; small in width from side to side |
| 4. mountain ____ | d. very high area of land, much taller than a hill |
| 5. sunrise ____ | e. track with two metal rails that trains travel on |
| 6. ancient ____ | f. large area of land covered with many trees |
| 7. narrow ____ | g. hot water vapor; what old-style trains used for power |
| 8. tunnel ____ | h. time when the sun first appears in the morning sky |
| 9. platform ____ | i. very old; from a long time ago |
| 10. scenic ____ | j. passage cut through rock or underground for trains or cars |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. The Alishan Forest Railway is in the north of Taiwan. | ___ 2. The railway started over 100 years ago. |
| ___ 3. Workers built the railway to carry tourists to the city. | ___ 4. The train goes through a tunnel on its journey. |

___ 5. The journey up the mountain takes only 30 minutes.

___ 7. The sun rises over the clouds and mountain peaks.

___ 9. The air in the Alishan mountains is clean and cool.

___ 6. Many visitors go to Alishan to watch the sunrise.

___ 8. The Alishan Forest Railway is not popular with tourists.

___ 10. Children are not allowed to ride the Alishan Forest Railway.

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: railway, forest, mountain, sunrise, tunnel, ancient, narrow, platform

1. The Alishan Forest _____ is a very old and famous train in Taiwan.

2. Workers cut down trees in the _____ and carried the wood to the city.

3. The train travels slowly up a tall _____ in southern Taiwan.

4. Many people wake up early to see the beautiful _____ over the clouds.

5. The train goes through a dark _____ cut deep into the rock.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. Why did workers build the Alishan Forest Railway over 100 years ago?

2. What can you see during the train journey up the mountain?

3. Why do many visitors wake up very early when they visit Alishan?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you like to ride the Alishan Forest Railway? Why or why not?

2. What is the most beautiful place you have ever visited? What did you see there?



Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-e, 2-f, 3-g, 4-d, 5-h, 6-i, 7-c, 8-j, 9-b, 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-railway, 2-forest, 3-mountain, 4-sunrise, 5-tunnel

D. Comprehension:

1. Workers built the railway to carry wood from the forest down to the city.
2. You can see green hills, waterfalls, colorful flowers, and small villages and farms near the tracks.
3. They wake up early to watch the beautiful sunrise over the clouds and mountains.

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