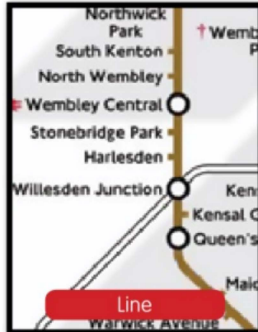


UNDERGROUND

the Underground



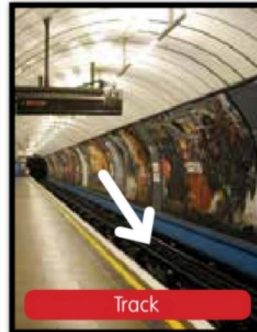
Tube map



Line



Tube station



Track



Travelcard



Tube train



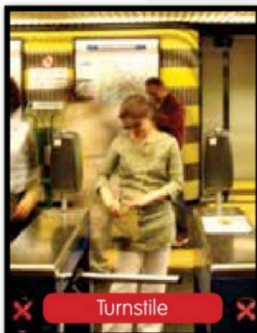
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Train seat



Door handle



Turnstile



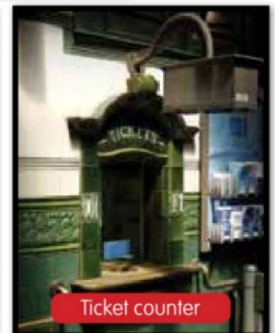
Ticket machine



Underground staff



Information board



Ticket counter



Ticket



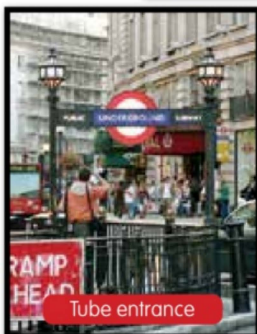
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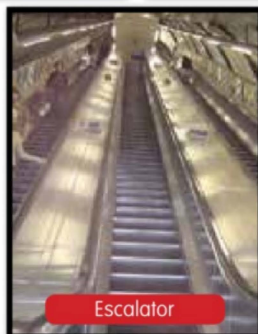
Tunnel



Platform



Tube entrance



Escalator



Busker



Platform seat



Overcrowding

The Underground

Social English

Learn the kind of English you need for social occasions. This month: the underground (also known as the tube, the subway (US English) and the metro). Listen and repeat these expressions.

What you say

- Where can I get a ticket, please?
- How much for a zone-3 ticket?
- I'd like a season ticket, please?
- I'd like a **Travelcard**, please?
- Where's the information desk, please?
- Have you got a tube map I could have, please?
- Which **platform** is it for Victoria Station, please?
- Which platform for the Central Line, please?
- Which line is it for Baker Street, please?
- Do I need to change **lines**



for Waterloo Station?

What you hear

- Stand clear of the doors, please.
- Mind the doors, please.
- The next station is Tottenham Court Road. Change here for the Northern Line.
- You need to take the Bakerloo line.
- Change at Tottenham Court Road for the Northern Line.
- The information desk is in the main hall.
- That'll be six pounds, please.
- Please let passengers off the train first.



- Stand to the right. (on the **escalator**)
- You need to take the **northbound train**. / You need to take the **southbound train**.
- We apologise for the delay but there has been a security alert at Victoria Station.

Speaking

Now use these expressions to practise asking and answering questions. ✚

Part II Now listen to this social English dialogue. In this conversation, Bob is trying to buy a tube ticket.

- Bob:** I'd like a ticket for Zone 1, please.
- Ticket office:** Are you going to be using London transport much today?
- Bob:** I beg your pardon?
- Ticket office:** If you're doing a lot of travelling, you're **better off** getting a Travelcard.
- Bob:** Oh, well, how much is a single?
- Ticket office:** A single, Zone-1 ticket is five pounds.
- Bob:** And a Travelcard?
- Ticket office:** That's six pounds thirty for Zone 1.
- Bob:** And what is a Travelcard?
- Ticket office:** Well, you can use all the buses and Underground trains for free for a day with the Travelcard.
- Bob:** OK, I'll get one of those, please.
- Ticket office:** That'll be six pounds thirty, please.
- Bob:** Here you are.
- Ticket office:** Thanks. Here's your **change**.
- Bob:** Oh, erm, how do I get to Waterloo, please?
- Ticket office:** Well, you need to take the Central Line to Tottenham Court Road, then change for the Northern Line. And then take the southbound train to Waterloo.
- Bob:** OK. Thanks very much.
- Ticket office:** Have a nice day.



GLOSSARY

- a Travelcard** *n*
a special pass that permits you to travel on the trains or buses all day for free
- a platform** *n*
the area in a train station where the train arrives
- a line** *n*
a route along which trains travel, with many stations along the way
- an escalator** *n*
an electric staircase that takes you from one level to another
- a northbound train** *n*
a train that is travelling north
- a southbound train** *n*
a train that is travelling south
- to be better off** *exp*
if you are "better off" in a certain situation, it is better for you to be in that situation
- change** *n*
the money that is returned to you after you pay for something