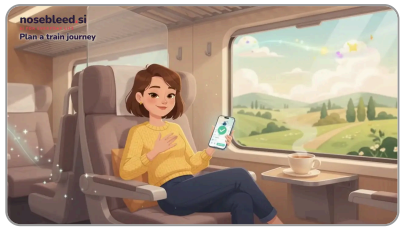
Plan a train journey



Use AI to plan a trip step by step, then check the real times and prices yourself.

By the end, you'll be able to:

- ask AI to explain a route, tickets and the help available
- know what AI may not know, and what to check
- make a simple checklist for the day

Warm-up When did you last travel by train?

Talk about it with your group: what was easy, and what was tricky?

1 Plan with the facts

Plan a journey, real or made up. Fill in the details AI will need.

From	
To	
Which day	
Who's travelling	
Luggage, or help needed	
What matters most (cheapest, quickest, fewest changes)	

2 Ask AI to help plan

If you have a device, open an AI chat app, start a new chat and type this prompt, with your own details.

TRY THIS PROMPT

Please help me plan a train journey from Bath to York on a weekday in March. I'm 70, travelling with a suitcase, and I'd rather not rush between platforms. Please tell me: the likely route and where I'd change trains, how I could pay less, whether I can book help at the stations, and a short checklist for the day. If you can't check live times and prices, say so.

Write down one useful thing it told you.

No device? With a partner, plan the journey using a printed map or timetable, if you have one, and list what you'd need to check.

3 Plan with AI, or check it yourself?

	AI can help	Check it
Explaining how railcards work, in general		
Today's departure times		
Ticket prices		
Making a checklist for the day		
Delays and engineering works		
Suggesting questions to ask at the station		

4 My checklist for the day

Tick the ones you'd need, and add your own.

☐ Ticket (paper or on my phone) ☐ Railcard

☐ Seat reservation ☐ Help booked at the stations

☐ Phone charged ☐ Snack and water ☐ Check for delays before I leave

5 Where would you check?

Where could you check the real times and prices before you travel?

> **Remember:** AI may not know today's times, prices, delays or engineering works. Use it to plan, then check with the train company or an official journey planner.

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/plan-a-train-journey**

Teacher notes: Plan a train journey

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Have the name of an official journey planner ready to share. In Great Britain, that's National Rail Enquiries. Learners can use a journey they'd really like to make, or the Bath to York example.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Train travel: the good and the tricky.
10 min	**Part 1.** Fill in the journey details.
15 min	**Part 2.** Try the prompt, or plan in pairs.
10 min	**Part 3.** What AI can help with, and what to check.
10 min	**Parts 4 and 5.** The checklist, and where to check.

Answers: Part 3

AI can help: explaining railcards in general, making a checklist, suggesting questions.
Check it: today's times, ticket prices, delays and engineering works. Some AI apps can look things up online and others can't, and even those that can sometimes get details wrong.

Answer: Part 5

The train company's website or app, an official journey planner (in Great Britain, National Rail Enquiries), or the ticket office at the station.

Discussion points

- In Great Britain, you can book free help at stations, such as help with luggage or getting on and off the train, through Passenger Assist.
- Railcards can save money for many groups, such as older people, families and young people. AI can explain them, but check the details and prices on the official website.
- Outside Great Britain, use the national or local train company's own planner.

Adapting it

For schools: plan a class trip to a museum or city, with a budget. **Extension:** ask AI what to do if a train is cancelled, and check its advice against the train company's website.

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