

SCENE 28 • NUMBER 7

Gleis zwei

Last night Thomas left you a voicemail with the plan: the 9:12 from platform 2, back at 17:40. "Please buy two return tickets. I am there at 8:57." Sunday, 8:50: you buy the tickets. 8:57: there he is.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1a, 2a

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b, 2c

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1c, 2a

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Und wann fährt der Zug zurück?, Sie haben einen Plan B?

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 23451

Words: Gleis zwei

VOCABULARY & WRITING

W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5a, 6b

W2) USE THE WORDS IN CONTEXT: 1: Fahrkarten, 1: Gleis, 1: Fahrplan, 1: Zug, 1: Bus

W3) PLAN B: 1: Urlaub, 2: ausgefallen, 3: Plan, 4: Fahrrad

W4) CONNECT THE MEANINGS: 1a, 2f, 3d, 4c, 5b, 6e

Grammar: Mit dem Zug

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORMS: 1) mit dem Zug, 2) fährt, ab, 3) kommen, an, 4) zu Fuß

G2) TRAVEL WITH THE RIGHT VERB: 1a, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5b, 6a

G3) ARRIVE, LEAVE AND CHOOSE TRANSPORT: 1a, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6c, 7a, 8b

G4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: fahre, 2: fährst, 1: fährt, 2: fahren, 1: fahrt, 2: fahren, 1: komme, 2: kommst, 1: kommt, 2: kommen, 1: kommt, 2: kommen

G5) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER: Der Zug fährt von Gleis zwei ab., Wir kommen um zehn Uhr an., Ich fahre mit einem Fahrrad., Der Zug fährt heute nicht.

G6) RESPOND TO THE SITUATION: 1c, 2a

Translation

- Good evening. Thomas Kühn here. I have our plan.
- Outward journey at nine twelve, return at seventeen forty.
Departure from platform two.
- Please buy two return tickets. I will be at the station at exactly eight fifty-seven.

Sunday, ten to nine. The ticket clerk smiles through the window and slides two tickets under the glass.

- Good morning. Two tickets to the Great Lake, please.
- ▲ Single or return?
- Return. Does the train really leave from platform two?
- ▲ Yes, at nine twelve. The two tickets cost twenty-four euros in total.
- And when does the train return?
- ▲ At seventeen forty. Here is the timetable.

At three minutes to nine by the station clock, Herr Kühn arrives on the platform with a rucksack and a thermos, checks his watch, and looks very pleased.

- Good morning. Eight fifty-seven. Exactly according to plan.

○ Here are our tickets. Return.

■ Very good. You are on time today.

Under the loudspeaker Herr Kühn stands frozen, eyes wide, his thermos halfway to his mouth.

▲ Sorry. The nine twelve train to the Great Lake is cancelled today.

○ It is cancelled? What does that mean?

■ It is not running today.

○ And what do we do now?

■ Plan B.

○ You have a plan B?

■ Of course. I always have a plan B.

*An announcement: the 9:12 to the lake is cancelled today.
Thomas freezes. Then he takes out a second list. "Plan B."*