

SCENE 28 • GRAMMAR

En tren, a pie

Transport, return tickets and timetable times

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Around town

Spanish

The way you travel

Use **en tren**, **en autobús**, **en coche**, **en bicicleta**, normally without an article. Walking is **a pie**. A ticket **de ida** is one-way; **de ida y vuelta** is return. The destination comes after **a**: **un billete al lago**.

A timetable uses twenty-four hours

Diecisiete cuarenta is 17:40. In a conversation, **las cinco y cuarenta de la tarde** or **las seis menos veinte de la tarde** means the same time. Timetable readings do not need **y** between hours and minutes.

Ask for clarification

¿Qué significa cancelado? asks what a word means. **¿A qué hora sale?** asks departure; **¿A qué hora vuelve?** asks return. **Está cancelado** is a state; it uses **estar**.

GRAMMAR**G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE**

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I go by train.

1 Voy _____ tren.

- ☐ A en
- ☐ B de
- ☐ C a

Meaning: We go on foot.

2 Vamos _____ pie.

- ☐ A a
- ☐ B de
- ☐ C en

Meaning: 17:40 is five forty in the afternoon.

3 17:40 es las _____ y cuarenta de la tarde.

- ☐ A siete
- ☐ B cuatro
- ☐ C cinco

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: Two return tickets.

vuelta parada

Dos billetes de ida y _____.

Meaning: The train is cancelled.

está es

El tren _____ cancelado.

Meaning: What time does the train leave?

sale cuesta

¿A qué hora _____ el tren?

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: I go to the lake by bus.

- 1 autobús. Voy al lago en
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Meaning: Two return tickets.

- 2 vuelta. ida Dos de billetes y
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Meaning: What does cancelled mean?

- 3 ¿Qué significa cancelado?
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G4) WHAT HELPS IN THIS SITUATION?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1** You need to come home by train that evening. The clerk asks what ticket you want. You say:

- ☐ A Ida y vuelta, por favor.
- ☐ B Un kilo, por favor.
- ☐ C Solo ida, por favor.

G5) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

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| ☐ 1 a pie | ☐ A return journey |
| ☐ 2 en tren | ☐ B on foot |
| ☐ 3 ida y vuelta | ☐ C by train |