

Lesson 28: Showing How to Take a Train

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Osamu: Good morning. Is everything alright?

Peter: Oh, hello. I'm just not sure where to go. Could you **show me where** I can buy a ticket?

Osamu: It depends on where you're heading, sir. Where are you headed?

Peter: I'm heading to Shibuya.

Osamu: In that case, you can get a ticket from that vending machine.

Peter: Oh, dear me. I'm not good with Japanese vending machines.

Osamu: There's a language option button for foreigners. There's also a map and the corresponding fare above the machines. If you're still uncertain, you can buy from the ticket master at the booth.

Peter: That's a relief. I'll just buy one from the pretty ticket lady. But thanks for your help, young man. Have a great day.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. A kind, young man **showed me where** to buy a train ticket.
2. A: Where's your house? B: It's that one over there. Haven't I **shown you where** it is?
3. A: I can't find my way to the comfort room. B: Come on. I'll **show you where** it is.

* show someone where ... / 人にどこで (に) ...かを教える

3. Your Task

After buying your train ticket, a foreigner has asked you how to use the ticket vending machine. He/she wants to go to another prefecture. Show the foreigner (=your tutor) how to use it.

4. Let's Talk

*Have you ever helped a foreigner take a train or bus in Japan?
Tell your teacher about it. Have you taken a train in another country?
If yes, how does it compare to Japan's railway system?*

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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