

Lesson 28: Showing How to Take a Train

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1. Dialogue

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

Hitomi: Hello. You've been staring at the map for ten minutes. Do you need any help?

Alex: Why, thank you for asking. I need to take a train but I don't know how.

Hitomi: Oh, okay. Where are you going?

Alex: I'm heading to Tokyo Station.

Hitomi: If you look at the map, we're at Shinagawa. So you need to take the Yamanote line. Now,

let's get your ticket from the vending machine.

Alex: Can you help me with that one, too? It looks pretty high tech.

Hitomi: Come on. I'll walk you through it.

Alex: (After buying the ticket) Now, where should I proceed?

Hitomi: Just follow the signs to the platform. It's written in English so you'll have no problem finding it.

Alex: Thanks again for your help.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. I didn't know how to use a computer but my children guided me through it.
- 2. A: I don't know how to operate this machine. B: Don't worry. I'll walk you through it.
- 3. My financial adviser guided me through the maze of business accounting.

* walk (guide) someone through ... / 人に...を一通り教える。経験させる。

3. Your Task

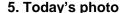
You are a tour guide in Japan. Part of the tour is to let the foreigners experience taking a train and even having an ekiben for lunch. Tell the tourists (=your tutor) about the railway system in Japan during the tour. Show them how to purchase their ticket and other information about the trains.

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?



Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

