

Travelling by rail

Teacher's notes

- Theme: Public Transport (based on NWTE 5A Unit 4)
- The reading task:

Students read a passage from the KCR East Rail Passenger Guidebook which introduces the East Tsim Sha Tsui Station and different kinds of tickets. After reading the text, they will complete the dialogue between a tourist and a KCR staff using the information from the text.

- New Vocabulary items

Extend- to make longer so as to reach a desired point. **Terminus-** station at the end of a railway line . **Subway-** underground pedestrian tunnel. **Equip-** to provide with what is necessary for doing something. **Travellers-** moving pavements. **Convenient-** suited to one's needs / not causing any difficulty. **Souvenir-** an object kept as a reminder of a trip or place.

- Classroom Procedure

1. Ask students questions about public transport so as to prepare them for the idea of the text (eg. How do you come to school? Do you know the new terminus of East Rail? Did you go there before and what did you see there?)
2. Introduce new vocabulary items to students.
3. Explain the task. Tell them to complete the dialogue using the information from the passage.

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You are reading a passage from the KCR East Rail Passenger Guidebook..
Use the information to complete the task on Page 2.

KCR East Rail is pleased to announce the opening of the East Tsim Sha Tsui Station on 24 October 2004. East Rail extends from Hung Hom Station to downtown Tsim Sha Tsui. After East Tsim Sha Tsui Station opening, passengers can travel from Lo Wu to the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui in around 40 minutes. They can go directly to the new East Tsim Sha Tsui terminus and do not need to interchange at Kowloon Tong or Hung Hom Station for other modes of transport.

East Tsim Sha Tsui Station is connected to MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station and the nearby shopping areas by a subway link. The subway link is air-conditioned and equipped with travellators. Now, it is very easy and convenient to go to shopping malls, international hotels and tourist attractions in the area.



There are travellators in the subways.

Single journey ticket



- Standard Class: Available from all East Rail ticket vending machines
- First Class : Can be purchased from Ticket Offices. Also available from Note Accepting Ticket Vending machines

Octopus



Adult

- Can be used in almost all Hong Kong's transportation systems
- Available at KCR East Rail ticket offices
- Can be kept as a souvenir
- Price : \$70

Tom is a tourist from England. He has just visited Shenzhen and is now in the Lo Wu Station. He wants to go to Tsim Sha Tsui but he does not know how to get there. He asks a KCR staff for help. Complete the dialogue.



Tom : Excuse me, I would like to go to Tsim Sha Tsui. How can I get there?

Staff : You can go to platform 2 and take the train towards East Tsim Sha Tsui.

Tom : Do I need to change trains?

Staff : No. In the past, passengers need to interchange at _____
_____ or _____. After East Tsim Sha Tsui Station
opened in _____ last year, they can go directly to Tsim Sha Tsui.

Tom : I see! How long does it take to go to East Tsim Sha Tsui Station from
here?

Staff : Around _____ minutes.

Tom : I want to go to the Space Museum. Is it near East Tsim Sha Tsui
Station?

Staff : Yes. There is a _____ that connects to Tsim Sha Tsui East.
There are _____ in the subways as well. You can go to Space
Museum on foot. It's _____ and _____.

Tom : Where can I buy the ticket?

Staff : You can buy single journey tickets from _____. But
for the First Class tickets, you have to buy them from _____
_____ or the Note Accepting Ticket Vending machines . You can
buy _____ at the ticket offices. It costs _____ dollars
and you can keep it as a _____ as well!

Tom : Alright! Thank you for your help!

Staff : You're welcome!

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- Tom : I see! How long does it take to go to East Tsim Sha Tsui Station from here?
- Staff : Around 40/ forty minutes.
- Tom : I want to go to the Space Museum. Is it near East Tsim Sha Tsui Station?
- Staff : Yes. There is a subway link that connects to Tsim Sha Tsui East. There are travellators in the subways as well. You can go to Space Museum on foot. It's easy and convenient.
- Tom : Where can I buy the ticket?
- Staff : You can buy single journey tickets from ticket vending machines. But for the First Class tickets, you have to buy them from Ticket Offices or the Note Accepting Ticket Vending machines . You can buy Octopus at the ticket offices. It costs 70 /seventy dollars and you can keep it as a souvenir as well!
- Tom : Alright! Thank you for your help!
- Staff : You're welcome!