



The Talking People Travel Phrasebook

Dedicated to my students and to people who love learning
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- ❖ I have gathered useful language for different kinds of situations so that you can get by whether you are traveling/travelling or you live in a tourist destination.
- ❖ Each podcast episode will be about a different situation. I will give my functional translation of the sentence in Spanish and then say the sentence in English, so you can practice functional translation after you have heard the episode a few times! I'm using the checklist format so that you can tick the ones you mastered saying!
- ❖ Feel free to send me more! Type "phrasebook" in the subject line of an email to eoi AT talkingpeople.net

Episode 1: At the train / coach / bus station

- Where's the ticket office?
- Where are the toilets?
- Where are the platforms?
- (I'd like) A ticket to..., please.
- A return (UK) / roundtrip (US) ticket to..., please.
- Can I have a timetable, please?
- Can I take one of these?
- When is the next coach/train to...?
- How often do buses/trains run to...?
- Every 10 minutes / half an hour.
- How much is it? / How much is a ticket to...?
- Can I pay with this?
- I don't have a smaller note.
- I don't have change.
- Where can I change this, then?
- Can I buy the ticket on the bus/train?
- Which platform (is it)? (*andén*)
- Does it make stops?
- When does the coach to Paris leave?
- When does the train from Madrid arrive?
- I'm looking for a vending machine. I need some water.
- The vending machine is not working. It ate my money but I got nothing!
- Does this bus stop at...?
- Excuse me, I need to get off at...
- This is my stop.
- Do you mind if I open the window? I feel sick.
- Will you open the window, please? I'm dizzy!
- Do you mind if I leave my bag here? / Is it OK if I leave my bag here?
- Thank you. / Very kind of you. **Replies:** It's OK. / My pleasure.
- Shall I help you with your bags?
- Please, take all your baggage (US) / luggage (UK) and personal belongings with you.
- Keep an eye on your bags.
- There's a delay. / Is there a delay? / It's been delayed.
- Can I claim a refund when the train's delayed?
- Only if the train is delayed by more than...
- Certainly. You should be compensated.