

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?*

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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