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Level 1

Paris Metro fines woman for walking wrong way

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A pregnant woman got a \$74 fine for walking the wrong way in the Paris Metro. The woman took a shortcut to save time on her journey. A station inspector caught her and immediately fined her. A Metro spokesman said the woman correctly got a fine for not following rules. He said the rules are so everyone can quickly get to trains or out of stations. He added that there are many easy-to-see "walk this way" signs in the stations.

Many social media users are angry that a pregnant woman got fined. A passenger group said it was "completely stupid". It wants the rules to change. A woman shared a similar story. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me." The Metro wrote: "I am sorry that this situation surprises you, but these are the current regulations. In the same way that if a car drives in a prohibited area, the car's driver...receives a fine."

Sources: <https://www.news24.com/World/News/paris-metro-fines-pregnant-woman-for-walking-wrong-way-20180303>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5716973/pregnant-woman-fined-walked-wrong-way-metro-underground-paris/>
<https://www.rt.com/news/420390-french-metro-pregnant-fine/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A pregnant | a. shortcut |
| 2. a \$74 fine for walking | b. following rules |
| 3. The woman took a | c. caught her |
| 4. save time | d. signs |
| 5. A station inspector | e. get to trains |
| 6. got a fine for not | f. woman |
| 7. everyone can quickly | g. the wrong way |
| 8. "walk this way" | h. on her journey |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. completely | a. regulations |
| 2. It wants the rules | b. in the corridor |
| 3. A woman shared a | c. a fine |
| 4. I was the only person | d. to change |
| 5. I am sorry that this situation | e. area |
| 6. these are the current | f. stupid |
| 7. in a prohibited | g. surprises you |
| 8. the car's driver receives | h. similar story |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ a \$74 fine for walking the wrong way in the Paris Metro. The woman took a (2) _____ time on her journey. A station inspector caught her and (3) _____. A Metro spokesman said the woman correctly got a fine for (4) _____. He said the rules are so (5) _____ get to trains or out of stations. He added that there are many easy-to-see "walk this (6) _____ the stations.

Many social media (7) _____ that a pregnant woman got fined. A passenger group said it (8) _____. It wants the rules to change. A woman shared (9) _____. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when (10) _____." The Metro wrote: "I am sorry (11) _____ surprises you, but these are the current regulations. In the same way that if a car drives in a prohibited area, the car's driver... (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRAIN STATIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180305-paris-metro-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about train stations in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

