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## Level 2

### Paris Metro fines woman for walking wrong way

5th March, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180305-paris-metro-2.html>

A pregnant woman was given a 60-euro fine for walking the wrong way in the Paris Metro. Sixty euros is about \$74. The woman said she took a shortcut to save some time on her journey. However, an inspector at the station caught her and immediately fined her. A spokesman for the Paris Metro said the woman correctly got a fine for not following the rules. He said the rules were to control the flow of people so everyone can quickly get to trains or out of stations. He added that there are many "walk this way" signs in the stations and they are easy to see.

Many social media users are angry. They say a pregnant woman should not be fined for not wanting to walk a long way. A passenger group said the fine was "completely stupid". It wants the rules to change. A woman on social media shared a similar story. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me. It's unacceptable." The Metro responded to complaints. It 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180305-paris-metro-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The woman said she took a      | a. of people       |
| 2. save some time                 | b. signs           |
| 3. an inspector at the station    | c. shortcut        |
| 4. a fine for not following       | d. to see          |
| 5. control the flow               | e. caught her      |
| 6. get to trains or               | f. the rules       |
| 7. there are many "walk this way" | g. on her journey  |
| 8. they are easy                  | h. out of stations |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Many social media               | a. complaints      |
| 2. a pregnant                      | b. stupid          |
| 3. completely                      | c. story           |
| 4. It wants the rules              | d. users are angry |
| 5. shared a similar                | e. regulations     |
| 6. The Metro responded to          | f. woman           |
| 7. these are the current           | g. area            |
| 8. if a car drives in a prohibited | h. to change       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ given a 60-euro fine for walking the wrong way in the Paris Metro. Sixty euros is about \$74. The woman said she (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to save some time on her journey. However, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the station caught her and immediately fined her. A spokesman for the Paris Metro said the woman correctly got a fine for not (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the rules were to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of people so everyone can quickly get to trains or out of stations. He added that there are many "(6) \_\_\_\_\_" signs in the stations and they are easy to see.

Many social media (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They say a pregnant woman should not be fined for not wanting to walk a long way. A passenger group said the fine (8) \_\_\_\_\_. It wants the rules to change. A woman on social media shared (9) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me. It's unacceptable." The Metro (10) \_\_\_\_\_. It wrote: "I am sorry that this situation surprises you, but these are (11) \_\_\_\_\_. In the same way that if a car drives in (12) \_\_\_\_\_, the car's driver...receives a fine."

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

