

Vocabulary: trains 词汇: 火车

Who doesn't love a **train**? Since the invention of the first **steam-powered locomotive** in the UK in 1804, this powerful **mode of transport** has helped **keep** human progress **on track**. If they weren't **hauling freight** in **cars**, they'd be pulling passengers in **carriages**. In the modern era, the **iron horse** is still **chugging** along **under its own steam**. And these days, many are attracted to it for its comfort, style and luxury.

In the UK, a new £150m **fleet** of Caledonian Sleepers has just been unveiled. These overnight trains provide an experience that will 'transform travel between London and Scotland,' says Ryan Flaherty of Serco, the company operating the rail service, in a BBC article. Indeed, the fleet features 40 **sleeper** carriages fitted with showers, a club car for dining and new engineering in the **couplers** to prevent **shunting** from waking resting passengers.

But it doesn't stop there. All over the globe, luxury trains deliver comfort and opulence on **rails** to passengers looking to **let off steam**. Why not try a **whistle-stop tour** of India on The Maharajas' Express? Taking 88 guests at a time on a four or eight-night trip, the train boasts restaurant cars, a bar and a lounge. If South Africa is more to your taste, you can travel for over 31 hours from Cape Town to Pretoria in a spacious **cabin** boasting five-star service on The Blue Train. Fancy South America? The Belmond Andean Explorer is its first sleeper train. They boast it is one of the highest train routes in the world. It can whisk you across Peru from Cusco, the Incan capital, to Arequipa, 'the White City'. And of course, no mention of locomotive luxury would be complete without the famous Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, the well-known setting of a popular murder mystery novel. Travelling across Europe to various destinations such as London, Paris and Venice, its art deco cabins are manned by **stewards** and feature a resident pianist.

Trains are old. And it is perhaps this age that appeals to many people. Stepping **on board** a luxury train to travel as we used to long ago evokes romantic memories of grand journeys at a more measured pace. If this appeals to you, why not consider one for your next holiday? I'm sure your experience will be anything but a **train wreck**.

## 词汇表

<b>train</b>	火车
<b>steam-powered</b>	蒸汽驱动的
<b>locomotive</b>	火车头
<b>mode of transport</b>	运输方式
<b>keep something on track</b>	使...保持正常进行
<b>haul</b>	拖、拉（重物）
<b>freight</b>	货物
<b>car</b>	汽车
<b>carriage</b>	火车车厢
<b>iron horse</b>	“铁马”，指蒸汽火车
<b>chug</b>	突突地行驶
<b>under your own steam</b>	靠自己的力量
<b>fleet</b>	列车队
<b>sleeper</b>	卧铺
<b>coupler</b>	火车耦合器
<b>shunting</b>	火车转轨
<b>rail</b>	铁轨
<b>let off steam</b>	释放、缓解精力
<b>whistle-stop tour</b>	（在各地短暂停留的）蜻蜓点水式观光
<b>cabin</b>	列车车厢
<b>steward</b>	乘务员
<b>on board</b>	在车上
<b>train wreck</b>	失败、灾难

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Apart from luxury travel, what other uses does the article mention trains have?
2. Where does the Caledonian Sleeper take passengers from and to?
3. Which famous train was the setting of a renowned narrative?
4. True or false? *The route of the Belmond Andean Explorer is the highest in the world.*
5. Which word in the article means 'expensive and luxurious'?

### 2. 请在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. All over the world, lorries, ships and trains transport \_\_\_\_\_ from one country to another.

frayed	freight	frait	afraid
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2. I'm sorry, can I \_\_\_\_\_ you along the bench a bit so I can sit down? Thank you!

chug	shunt	rail	steam
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3. This weekend, I'm going to do nothing but watch TV. I really need to \_\_\_\_\_.

steam-powered	under my own steam	let off steam	whistle-stop tour
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4. This project has been a complete \_\_\_\_\_ since the moment we hired you. You're fired!

train wreck	iron horse	whistle-stop tour	carriage
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5. If I can \_\_\_\_\_ with my mortgage, the house will be mine in less than three years!

keep on track	shunt	let off steam	haul
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## 答案

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**The article mentions trains hauling freight and pulling passengers.**

2. Where does the Caledonian sleeper take passengers from and to?

**The Caledonian sleeper travels between London and Scotland.**

3. Which famous train was the setting of a renowned narrative?

**The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express is the well-known setting of a popular murder mystery novel.**

4. True or false? *The route of the Belmond Andean Explorer is the highest in the world.*

**False. The Belmond Andean explorer boasts one of the highest train routes in the world.**

5. Which word in the article means 'expensive and luxurious'?

**Opulence. All over the globe, luxury trains deliver comfort and opulence on rails to passengers looking to let off steam.**

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