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Level 4 – 30th December 2024

Coughing and sneezing most annoying behaviour on trains

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A study from Japan shows that coughing and sneezing were the biggest annoyances on trains. Over 5,000 passengers responded to a survey on behaviour on trains and at stations. Coughing and sneezing topped the list of passenger gripes. A rail association said the effects of the coronavirus pandemic "may have ingrained the importance of consideration for others as a norm". People not wearing a mask added to people's anxiety.

The rail association hopes its polls to gauge passengers' opinions will lead to better behaviour on trains. It said other annoyances on trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving over to make space, noisy conversations, strong perfume and poor manners when getting on and off trains. The number of people riding Japan's trains has increased because of more tourists visiting the country.

Sources: <https://www.msn.com/en-xl/news/other/coughing-sneezing-chosen-as-most-annoying-behavior-on-trains-for-1st-time-japan-survey/ar-AA1woeTD>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A study from Japan | a. wearing a mask |
| 2. the biggest | b. association |
| 3. 5,000 passengers responded | c. shows that |
| 4. topped the list of | d. anxiety |
| 5. A rail | e. of consideration |
| 6. ingrained the importance | f. annoyances |
| 7. People not | g. passenger gripes |
| 8. added to people's | h. to a survey |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. gauge passengers' | a. their legs |
| 2. lead to | b. riding Japan's trains |
| 3. people stretching | c. perfume |
| 4. noisy | d. visiting the country |
| 5. strong | e. better behaviour |
| 6. when getting | f. conversations |
| 7. The number of people | g. opinions |
| 8. because of more tourists | h. on and off trains |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A study from Japan shows that (1) _____ were the biggest annoyances on trains. Over 5,000 passengers (2) _____ survey on behaviour on trains and at stations. Coughing and sneezing (3) _____ of passenger gripes. A rail association said (4) _____ the coronavirus pandemic "may (5) _____ importance of consideration for others as a norm". People not wearing a (6) _____ people's anxiety.

The rail association hopes its (7) _____ passengers' opinions will (8) _____ behaviour on trains. It said (9) _____ trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving over (10) _____, noisy conversations, strong (11) _____ manners when getting on and off trains. The number of people riding Japan's trains has increased because (12) _____ visiting the country.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ANNOYING PEOPLE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241230-annoying-behaviour-on-trains-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about annoying people 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) _____

