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Level 0

Paris Metro fines woman for walking wrong way

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180305-paris-metro-0.html>

A pregnant woman got fined for walking the wrong way in the Paris Metro. She took a shortcut to save time. A station inspector caught her. A Metro spokesman said the woman did not follow the rules. The rules are to help people get to trains or out of stations. There are many easy-to-see "walk this way" signs in the stations.

Many people on social media are angry the woman got fined. One group said it was "stupid". It wants the rules to change. Another woman also got fined. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me." The Metro said rules are rules. It said car drivers must also follow rules or get fined.

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. caught her |
| 2. fined for walking | b. save time |
| 3. She took a shortcut to | c. out of stations |
| 4. A station inspector | d. the rules |
| 5. the woman did not follow | e. woman |
| 6. The rules are | f. signs |
| 7. get to trains or | g. the wrong way |
| 8. easy-to-see "walk this way" | h. to help people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. people on social media | a. got fined |
| 2. the woman got | b. to change |
| 3. One group said it was | c. are rules |
| 4. It wants the rules | d. fined |
| 5. Another woman also | e. the corridor |
| 6. I was the only person in | f. "stupid" |
| 7. The Metro said rules | g. follow rules |
| 8. car drivers must also | h. are angry |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ got fined for walking the wrong way in the Paris Metro. She (2) _____ to save time. A station inspector (3) _____. A Metro spokesman said the woman did not (4) _____. The rules are to help people (5) _____ or out of stations. There are many easy-to-see "(6) _____" signs in the stations.

Many people on social (7) _____ the woman got fined. One (8) _____ was "stupid". It wants the rules to change. Another woman (9) _____. She said: "I was (10) _____ in the corridor when they stopped me." The Metro said (11) _____. It said car drivers must also (12) _____ get fined.

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) _____

