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## Level 3

### Paris Metro fines woman for walking wrong way

5th March, 2018

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# THE ARTICLE

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

A pregnant woman got into trouble while she was using the Metro in Paris. She was given a 60-euro fine for walking the wrong way along a station platform. Sixty euros is about \$74. The woman said she took a shortcut because she wanted to save some time on her journey. However, inspectors at Concorde station caught her and immediately fined her. A spokesman for the Paris Metro told the AFP news agency that the woman correctly got a fine for not following the rules. He said the rules were there to control the flow of people so everyone can get to trains or out of stations more quickly. He added that the "walk this way" systems are clearly marked with easy-to-see signs in the stations.

The incident has got lots of people talking on social media. Many users are angry that a pregnant woman was fined because she didn't want to walk a long way. A spokesman for a passenger group said the fine was "completely stupid" and that the rules needed to change. A woman on social media complained with 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 with a message that read: "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 (who is breaking the law) 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/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TRAIN STATIONS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about train stations. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

pregnant / trouble / the wrong way / shortcut / journey / rules / flow / stations / social media / passenger / stupid / similar / corridor / complaints / surprises / law

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. FOLLOW THE RULES:** Students A **strongly** believe we should all follow all rules; Students B **strongly** believe rules are made to be broken. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. RULES:** How good or bad are (were) these? How (do) did they affect your life? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good / Bad	How they affected you
School rules		
Parents' rules		
Sports rules		
Club/Team rules		
Internet rules		
City rules		

**5. TROUBLE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "trouble". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. FINES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things we should fine most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- walking the wrong way
- jaywalking
- spitting
- swearing
- anger in public
- speeding
- noise pollution
- Internet abuse

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. pregnant   | a. Someone who checks to see if people are following rules, or if people have a ticket on a train. |
| 2. platform   | b. Go from one place to another place in a smooth stream, usually in large numbers.                |
| 3. shortcut   | c. In a way that is very easy to see or understand.  |
| 4. journey    | d. Of a woman having an unborn child inside her.   |
| 5. inspectors | e. A quicker way from A to B.  |
| 6. flow       | f. An act of traveling from one place to another place.  |
| 7. clearly    | g. The walkway next to a railway track where passengers get on and off trains at a station.        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 8. incident      | h. Not OK; not satisfactory or allowable.                          |
| 9. completely    | i. Say how unhappy or angry you are about something.               |
| 10. stupid       | j. An event or happening.  |
| 11. complained   | k. Of the present time; happening or being used or done now.       |
| 12. unacceptable | l. Totally.  |
| 13. current      | m. Banned; not allowed.  |
| 14. prohibited   | n. Having or showing a great lack of intelligence or common sense. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A woman got a \$60 fine for walking the wrong way in the Paris Metro. **T / F**
- b. The woman took a shortcut to reduce her journey time. **T / F**
- c. Station inspectors fined the woman a week after they caught her. **T / F**
- d. The Paris Metro admitted that "Walk this way" signs were hard to see. **T / F**
- e. The article said many social media users wanted the fine to be higher. **T / F**
- f. A passenger group said the fine was "completely stupid". **T / F**
- g. The Paris Metro apologized for people's surprise at the fine. **T / F**
- h. The Paris Metro compared the fine to a car driver's fine. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>given</b>       | a. obeying      |
| 2. <b>immediately</b> | b. protested    |
| 3. <b>following</b>   | c. happening    |
| 4. <b>flow</b>        | d. straightaway |
| 5. <b>clearly</b>     | e. forbidden    |
| 6. <b>incident</b>    | f. handed       |
| 7. <b>completely</b>  | g. rules        |
| 8. <b>complained</b>  | h. movement     |
| 9. <b>regulations</b> | i. obviously    |
| 10. <b>prohibited</b> | j. totally      |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. A pregnant woman got                 | a. in the corridor        |
| 2. she took a                           | b. signs                  |
| 3. she wanted to save                   | c. surprises you          |
| 4. rules were there to control the flow | d. shortcut               |
| 5. marked with easy-to-see              | e. stupid                 |
| 6. The incident has got                 | f. into trouble           |
| 7. the fine was completely              | g. prohibited area        |
| 8. I was the only person                | h. lots of people talking |
| 9. I am sorry that this situation       | i. some time              |
| 10. if a car drives in a                | j. of people              |

# GAP FILL

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

A pregnant woman got into (1) \_\_\_\_\_ while she was using the Metro in Paris. She was given a 60-euro fine for walking the wrong way along a station (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Sixty euros is about \$74. The woman said she took a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ because she wanted to save some time on her journey. However, inspectors at Concorde station caught her and immediately (4) \_\_\_\_\_ her. A spokesman for the Paris Metro told the AFP news agency that the woman (5) \_\_\_\_\_ got a fine for not following the rules. He said the rules were there to control the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of people so everyone can get to trains or out of stations more quickly. He added that the "walk this way" (7) \_\_\_\_\_ are clearly (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with easy-to-see signs in the stations.

*platform*

*correctly*

*systems*

*trouble*

*marked*

*fined*

*shortcut*

*flow*

The incident has got lots of people talking on social media. Many users are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that a pregnant woman was fined because she didn't want to walk a long (10) \_\_\_\_\_. A spokesman for a passenger group said the fine was "completely (11) \_\_\_\_\_ " and that the rules needed to change. A woman on social media complained with a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ story. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me. It's (13) \_\_\_\_\_." The Metro responded to complaints with a message that read: "I am sorry that this situation (14) \_\_\_\_\_ you, but these are the current (15) \_\_\_\_\_. In the same way that if a car drives in a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ area, the car's driver (who is breaking the law) receives a fine."

*stupid*

*regulations*

*unacceptable*

*angry*

*prohibited*

*way*

*surprises*

*similar*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) She was given a 60-euro fine for walking the wrong way \_\_\_\_\_ platform
  - a. as long a station
  - b. along way station
  - c. along as way station
  - d. along a station
- 2) However, inspectors at Concorde station caught her and immediately \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. fired her
  - b. filed her
  - c. fived her
  - d. fined her
- 3) the woman correctly got a fine for not \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. following a rules
  - b. followed in a rule
  - c. following the rules
  - d. followed in the rules
- 4) control the flow of people so everyone can get to trains or out of stations \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. more quick
  - b. more quickly
  - c. more quicker
  - d. more quickest
- 5) He added that the "walk this way" systems are clearly marked with \_\_\_\_\_ signs
  - a. easily-to-see
  - b. easy-too-see
  - c. easy-to-seen
  - d. easy-to-see
- 6) The incident has got lots of people \_\_\_\_\_ media
  - a. talking by social
  - b. talking up social
  - c. talking in social
  - d. talking on social
- 7) a pregnant woman was fined because she didn't want to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. walk a long way
  - b. walk a long wait
  - c. walk a long weigh
  - d. walk a long ways
- 8) I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. It's unacceptably
  - b. It's unacceptable
  - c. It's not acceptably
  - d. It's unaccepted
- 9) I am sorry that this situation surprises you, but these are the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. currently regulations
  - b. currant regulations
  - c. current regulations
  - d. currency regulations
- 10) In the same way that if a car drives in a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. prohibit it area
  - b. prohibit the area
  - c. prohibits it area
  - d. prohibited area

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

A pregnant woman (1) \_\_\_\_\_ while she was using the Metro in Paris. She was given a 60-euro fine for walking the wrong way along (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Sixty euros is about \$74. The woman said she took a shortcut because she wanted to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on her journey. However, inspectors at Concorde station caught her and immediately fined her. A spokesman for the Paris Metro told the AFP news agency that the woman correctly got a fine for not (4) \_\_\_\_\_. He said the rules were there to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of people so everyone can get to trains or out of stations more quickly. He added that the "walk this way" systems (6) \_\_\_\_\_ with easy-to-see signs in the stations.

The incident has got lots of people talking (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Many users are angry that a pregnant woman was fined because she didn't want to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ way. A spokesman for a passenger group said the fine was "completely stupid" and that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to change. A woman on social media complained with (10) \_\_\_\_\_. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me. It's unacceptable." The Metro responded to complaints with a message that read: "I am sorry that this situation surprises you, but these are (11) \_\_\_\_\_. In the same way that if a car drives in a prohibited area, the car's driver (who is breaking the law) (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How much was the fine in dollars?
2. What did the women take to save time?
3. Who caught her at Concorde station?
4. What are the rules to control the flow of?
5. What system are there clear signs for in the stations?
6. Where are lots of people talking?
7. What did a passenger call the fine?
8. How many people were in a corridor with another woman who got fined?
9. What did the Metro say about the regulations?
10. Who did the Metro use a law-breaking comparison?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How much was the fine in dollars?
  - a) around \$60
  - b) about \$74
  - c) nearly \$47
  - d) over \$80
- 2) What did the women take to save time?
  - a) a train pass
  - b) a watch
  - c) running shoes
  - d) a shortcut
- 3) Who caught her at Concorde station?
  - a) passengers
  - b) train drivers
  - c) inspectors
  - d) police officers
- 4) What are the rules to control the flow of?
  - a) people
  - b) information
  - c) water
  - d) trains
- 5) What system are there clear signs for in the stations?
  - a) "Walk on the left"
  - b) "Walk this way"
  - c) "Walk on the right"
  - d) "Keep straight ahead"
- 6) Where are lots of people talking?
  - a) on social media
  - b) on the train
  - c) on the train platform
  - d) on the telephone
- 7) What did a passenger call the fine?
  - a) Bob
  - b) fair
  - c) stupid
  - d) too low
- 8) How many people were in a corridor with another woman who got fined?
  - a) 0
  - b) 1
  - c) 2
  - d) 3
- 9) What did the Metro say about the regulations?
  - a) they needed updating
  - b) they were too strict
  - c) they were too old
  - d) they were current
- 10) Who did the Metro use a law-breaking comparison?
  - a) a pickpocket
  - b) a thief
  - c) a car driver
  - d) a kidnapper

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Walking the Wrong Way**

You think walking the wrong way should get the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why fines for their things shouldn't be so high. Also, tell the others which of these should get no fine (and why): spitting in public, swearing in public or noise pollution.

## **Role B – Spitting in Public**

You think spitting in public should get the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why fines for their things shouldn't be so high. Also, tell the others which of these should get no fine (and why): walking the wrong way, swearing in public or noise pollution.

## **Role C – Swearing in Public**

You think swearing in public should get the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why fines for their things shouldn't be so high. Also, tell the others which of these should get no fine (and why): spitting in public, walking the wrong way or noise pollution.

## **Role D – Noise Pollution**

You think noise pollution should get the biggest fine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why fines for their things shouldn't be so high. Also, tell the others which of these should get no fine (and why): spitting in public, swearing in public or walking the wrong way.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'metro' and 'fine'.

<b>metro</b>	<b>fine</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• trouble</li><li>• along</li><li>• save</li><li>• immediately</li><li>• correctly</li><li>• clearly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lots</li><li>• group</li><li>• change</li><li>• person</li><li>• sorry</li><li>• area</li></ul>
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# TRAIN STATIONS SURVEY

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

# TRAIN STATIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'metro'?
3. What do you think of rules?
4. Should people get fined for walking the wrong way?
5. Why are there rules in train stations?
6. How important are shortcuts?
7. What do you think of people who do not follow rules?
8. Someone once said rules were made to be broken. Do you agree?
9. What rules do you break?
10. What rules do you hate?

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# TRAIN STATIONS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'fine'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are people right to be angry about this?
15. What would happen if no one followed rules?
16. Do you think the fine was "completely stupid"?
17. Should there be more caring rules for pregnant women?
18. What do you think of metro systems?
19. Is the walking rule similar to rules for car drivers?
20. What questions would you like to ask the woman?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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The incident has (7) \_\_\_\_\_ lots of people talking on social media. Many users are angry that a pregnant woman was fined because she didn't want to walk a long way. A spokesman for a passenger group said the fine was "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ stupid" and that the rules needed to change. A woman on social media complained with a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ story. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me. It's unacceptable." The metro (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to complaints with a message that read: "I am sorry that this situation surprises you, but these are the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ regulations. In the same way that if a car drives in a prohibited area, the car's driver (who is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the law) receives a fine."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                  |                   |                |
|-----|----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) that       | (b) which        | (c) while         | (d) how        |
| 2.  | (a) along      | (b) long         | (c) longing       | (d) longs      |
| 3.  | (a) shortcut   | (b) short-change | (c) short-circuit | (d) shortlist  |
| 4.  | (a) caught     | (b) captured     | (c) trapped       | (d) netted     |
| 5.  | (a) flower     | (b) flow         | (c) flown         | (d) flowery    |
| 6.  | (a) cleared    | (b) clears       | (c) clarity       | (d) clearly    |
| 7.  | (a) been       | (b) done         | (c) got           | (d) watched    |
| 8.  | (a) completion | (b) completed    | (c) completes     | (d) completely |
| 9.  | (a) similar    | (b) same         | (c) similarly     | (d) similarity |
| 10. | (a) resorted   | (b) responded    | (c) resounded     | (d) repeated   |
| 11. | (a) currant    | (b) current      | (c) currency      | (d) currently  |
| 12. | (a) breaks     | (b) broken       | (c) breaking      | (d) breaker    |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. A nanpget woman
2. got into ruolbte
3. save some time on her eoyujrn
4. caught her and ymltdaeiime fined her
5. the woman ctryerloc got a fine
6. lecarly marked with easy-to-see signs

## Paragraph 2

7. The nciitend has got lots of people talking
8. a sarnpsgee group
9. the fine was completely usiptd
10. The Metro responded to itoclpmnsna
11. these are the crteunr regulations
12. if a car drives in a bitiorphde area

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) angry that a pregnant woman was fined because she didn't want to walk a long way. A spokesman for a passenger
- ( ) fine for walking the wrong way along a station platform. Sixty euros is about \$74. The woman said she took a
- ( ) were there to control the flow of people so everyone can get to trains or out
- ( ) her and immediately fined her. A spokesman for the Paris Metro told the AFP news
- ( ) media complained with a similar story. She said: "I was the only person in the corridor when they
- ( ) way that if a car drives in a prohibited area, the car's driver (who is breaking the law) receives a fine."
- ( ) stopped me. It's unacceptable." The Metro responded to complaints with a message that read: "I am
- ( ) group said the fine was "completely stupid" and that the rules needed to change. A woman on social
- ( ) The incident has got lots of people talking on social media. Many users are
- ( ) shortcut because she wanted to save some time on her journey. However, inspectors at Concorde station caught
- ( ) sorry that this situation surprises you, but these are the current regulations. In the same
- ( ) of stations more quickly. He added that the "walk this way" systems are clearly marked with easy-to-see signs in the stations.
- ( **1** ) A pregnant woman got into trouble while she was using the Metro in Paris. She was given a 60-euro
- ( ) agency that the woman correctly got a fine for not following the rules. He said the rules

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. wrong Walking way the platform . a along station
2. took shortcut to She some time . save a
3. not fine Got the following a rules . for
4. of to were control flow the Rules people .
5. are marked clearly Systems with signs . easy-to-see
6. was that Angry pregnant fined . woman a
7. want a She to didn't way . walk long
8. A said the "completely fine was stupid" . spokesman
9. am surprises sorry situation that I this you .
10. in prohibited drives a If area . car a

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A pregnant woman got *into / onto* trouble while she was using the Metro in Paris. She was given a 60-euro fine for walking the wrong way *long / along* a station platform. Sixty euros is about \$74. The woman said she *gave / took* a shortcut because she wanted to save *many / some* time on her journey. However, inspectors at Concorde station *caught / trapped* her and immediately *fined / fired* her. A spokesman for the Paris Metro told the AFP news agency that the woman *correctly / correct* got a fine for not following the rules. He said the rules were there to control the *flown / flow* of people so everyone can get to trains or out of stations more *quick / quickly*. He added that the "walk this way" systems are *clearly / clear* marked with easy-to-see signs in the stations.

The *incident / incidence* has got lots of people talking on *social / socially* media. Many users are *angry / angrily* that a pregnant woman was fined because she didn't want to walk a long way. A spokesman for a passenger group said the fine was "completely stupid" and that the rules *necessary / needed* to change. A woman on social media *complained / complaint* with a similar story. She said: "I was the only person *on / in* the corridor when they stopped me. It's unacceptable." The Metro responded to *complains / complaints* with a message that read: "I am sorry *then / that* this situation surprises you, but these are the *currant / current* regulations. In the same way that if a car drives in a *prohibited / exhibited* area, the car's driver (who is breaking the law) receives a fine."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A p\_r\_g\_n\_n\_t w\_m\_n g\_t \_n\_t\_ t\_r\_\_ b\_l\_ w\_h\_l\_ s\_h\_ w\_s \_s\_n\_g th\_ M\_tr\_ \_n P\_rs. Sh\_ w\_s g\_v\_n \_ 60 -\_\_ r\_ f\_n\_ f\_r w\_l\_k\_n\_g th\_ w\_r\_n\_g w\_y \_l\_n\_g \_ s\_t\_t\_\_ n p\_l\_t\_f\_r\_m. S\_x\_t\_y \_\_ r\_s \_s \_b\_\_ t \$74. Th\_ w\_m\_n s\_\_ d s\_h\_ t\_\_ k \_ s\_h\_r\_t\_c\_t b\_c\_\_ s\_ s\_h\_ w\_n\_t\_d t\_ s\_v\_ s\_m\_ t\_m\_ \_n h\_r j\_\_ r\_n\_y . H\_w\_v\_r, \_n\_s\_p\_c\_t\_r\_s \_t C\_n\_c\_r\_d\_ s\_t\_t\_\_ n c\_\_ g\_h\_t h\_r \_n\_d \_m\_m\_d\_\_ t\_l\_y f\_n\_d h\_r. A s\_p\_k\_s m\_n f\_r th\_ P\_rs M\_tr\_ t\_l\_d th\_ A\_F\_P n\_w\_s \_g\_n\_c\_y th\_t th\_ w\_m\_n c\_r\_r\_c\_t\_l\_y g\_t \_ f\_n\_ f\_r n\_t f\_l\_l\_w\_n\_g th\_ r\_l\_s. H\_ s\_\_ d th\_ r\_l\_s w\_r\_ th\_r\_ t\_ c\_n\_t\_r\_l th\_ f\_l\_w \_f p\_\_ p\_l\_ s\_ \_v\_r y\_n\_ c\_n g\_t t\_ t\_r\_\_ n\_s \_r \_\_ t \_f s\_t\_t\_\_ n\_s m\_r\_ q\_\_ c\_k\_l\_y. H\_ \_d\_d\_d th\_t th\_ "w\_l\_k th\_s w\_y" s\_y\_s\_t\_m\_s \_r\_ c\_l\_\_ r\_l\_y m\_r\_k\_d w\_t\_h \_\_ s\_y -t\_- s\_\_ s\_g\_n\_s \_n th\_ s\_t\_t\_\_ n\_s.

Th\_ \_n\_c\_d\_n\_t h\_s g\_t l\_t\_s \_f p\_\_ p\_l\_ t\_l\_k\_n\_g \_n s\_c\_\_ l m\_d\_\_ . M\_n\_y \_s\_r\_s \_r\_ \_n\_g\_r\_y th\_t \_ p\_r\_g\_n\_n\_t w\_m\_n w\_s f\_n\_d b\_c\_\_ s\_ s\_h\_ d\_d\_n't w\_n\_t t\_ w\_l\_k \_ l\_n\_g w\_y. A s\_p\_k\_s m\_n f\_r \_ p\_s\_s\_n\_g\_r g\_r\_\_ p s\_\_ d th\_ f\_n\_ w\_s "c\_m\_p\_l\_t\_l\_y s\_t\_p\_d" \_n\_d th\_t th\_ r\_l\_s n\_\_ d\_d t\_ c\_h\_n g\_. A w\_m\_n \_n s\_c\_\_ l m\_d\_\_ c\_m\_p\_l\_\_ n\_d w\_t h \_ s\_m\_l\_r s\_t\_r\_y. Sh\_ s\_\_ d: "I w\_s th\_ \_n\_l y p\_r\_s\_n \_n th\_ c\_r\_r\_d\_r w\_h\_n th\_y s\_t\_p\_p\_d m\_. I\_t'\_s \_n\_c\_c\_p\_t\_b\_l\_." Th\_ M\_tr\_ r\_s\_p\_n\_d\_d t\_ c\_m\_p\_l\_\_ n\_t\_s w\_t\_h \_ m\_s\_s\_g\_ th\_t r\_\_ d: "I \_m s\_r\_r\_y th\_t th\_s s\_t\_\_ t\_\_ n s\_r\_p\_r\_s\_s y\_\_ , b\_t th\_s \_r\_ th\_ c\_r\_r\_n\_t r\_g\_l\_t\_\_ n\_s. I\_n th\_ s\_m\_ w\_y th\_t \_f \_ c\_r d\_r\_v\_s \_n \_ p\_r\_h\_b\_t\_d \_r\_\_ , th\_ c\_r's d\_r\_v\_r (w\_h\_ s b\_r\_\_ k\_n\_g th\_ l\_w) r\_c\_\_ v\_s \_ f\_n\_."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the incident has got lots of people talking on social media many users are angry that a pregnant woman was fined because she didnt want to walk a long way a spokesman for a passenger group said the fine was completely stupid and that the rules needed to change a woman on social media complained with a similar story she said i was the only person in the corridor when they stopped me its unacceptable the metro responded to complaints with a message that read 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 cars driver who is breaking the law receives a fine

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TRAIN STATIONS:** Make a poster about train stations. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. RULES:** Write a magazine article about everyone always having to follow the rules. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on train stations. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on what rules there need to be for passengers in stations. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. g    3. e    4. f    5. a    6. b    7. c  
8. j    9. l    10. n    11. i    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b T    c F    d F    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. given       | a. handed       |
| 2. immediately | b. straightaway |
| 3. following   | c. obeying      |
| 4. flow        | d. movement     |
| 5. clearly     | e. obviously    |
| 6. incident    | f. happening    |
| 7. completely  | g. totally      |
| 8. complained  | h. protested    |
| 9. regulations | i. rules        |
| 10. prohibited | j. forbidden    |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- About \$74
- A shortcut
- Inspectors
- People
- "Walk this way"
- On social media
- Completely stupid
- None
- They were current regulations
- A car driver

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Walking the wrong way along a station platform.
- She took a shortcut to save some time.
- Got a fine for not following the rules.
- Rules were to control the flow of people.
- Systems are clearly marked with easy-to-see signs.
- Angry that a pregnant woman was fined.
- She didn't want to walk a long way.
- A spokesman said the fine was "completely stupid".
- I am sorry that this situation surprises you.
- If a car drives in a prohibited area.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)