



# The Eurostar

What's the coolest\* way to travel between Europe and England? By Eurostar!

## What is the Eurostar?

It's a fast train that connects London to Paris and Lille in France, and Brussels in Belgium.

## How old is it?

The first Eurostar trains started 15 years ago. In 2007 the trains moved to a new station in London and now they are even faster.

## Where does the Eurostar leave from in London?

The new station is called St Pancras International. It was redesigned\* and now it looks really modern.

## How does the Eurostar cross the Channel\*?

It travels through a tunnel under the sea. The tunnel is called the 'Chunnel', which is the words 'channel' and 'tunnel' mixed together!

## Is it popular?

Yes! More than 90 million passengers have travelled on the Eurostar since 1994. Many people think it's more comfortable and quicker than taking an aeroplane, and it's more environmentally-friendly\*.

## SPEAKING

- Would you like to travel on the Eurostar? Why/why not?
- What's the longest train journey you've been on? Did you like it? Why/why not?



**WORKING TOGETHER:**  
British and French construction\* teams finally meet in the middle of the 'Chunnel'

## JOBS VOCABULARY

Match the jobs to the descriptions.

- ☐ construction worker
- ☐ train driver
- ☐ conductor
- ☐ passport controller

- This person checks your passport when you go to a different country.
- This person drives the Eurostar.
- This person does building work (like digging the Chunnel!).
- This person checks your ticket on a train or bus.

**\*WORDWISE** • **the coolest** – le plus cool – il più fico – coolste/r/s – de geweldigste – najmodniejszy, najbardziej odjazdowy  
 • **to redesign** – reconcevoir – riprogettare – neu entwerfen – renoveren – przerobi projekt, przebudowa • **the Channel** – la Manche – la Manica – Ärmelkanal – het Kanaal – Kanał La Manche • **environmentally-friendly** – qui respecte l'environnement – che rispetta l'ambiente – umweltfreundlich – milieuvriendelijk – przyjazny rodowisku