



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.

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	construction worker
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	train driver
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	conductor
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	passport controller

A This person checks your passport when you go to a different country.

B This person drives the Eurostar.

C This person does building work (like digging the Chunnel!).

D 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