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Reading and listening comprehension in the present tense



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The journey takes 2 hours 15 minutes, and the train travels at 300 km/h. It doesn't go so fast in the tunnel - it only goes at 160 km/h when it travels through the tunnel. It carries 794 passengers. When the train is in France, Brian speaks to his controllers in French. His French is very good. He has a lot of French friends, and his son, Mark, goes to stay with them in Paris. Jim earns £45,000 a year. In his free time, he likes going out with his wife, Jenny, and walking their dogs. Jenny is a chef, so she works at weekends too. She has Monday free and goes walking with Jim. He has 25 days of holiday a year. Where does he go on holiday? 'France, of course!' says Jim.



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