

# What Does a Train Driver Do?

There are lots of people who help us to travel. The first train ran in 1825 and train drivers have helped ever since.



## Great train drivers must:

1. have good eyesight;
2. be friendly;
3. react quickly;
4. concentrate for a long time;
5. stay calm.

## What Job Do They Do?

Train drivers drive trains from one place to another. They make sure people have a safe journey. They must try to keep the train running on time so that people are not late for work or meetings.

## Where Do They Work?

Train drivers work in lots of different places. They drive through cities, towns and the countryside. Trains travel along tracks and stop at stations along the way.

## What Do Train Drivers Wear?

Train drivers wear a uniform. Sometimes they wear a suit with a hat, or sometimes they wear a polo shirt or jumper with their company name on it.



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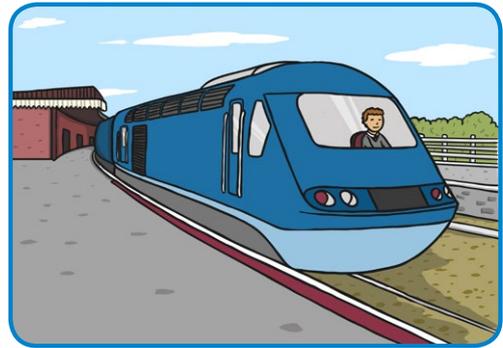
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The main role of a train driver is to get people to the end of their journey safely. They are also responsible for making sure that the train stays on time and arrives at each station when it is expected. This is very important to help make sure the passengers are not late for work or meetings.

## Where and When Do They Work?

Train drivers can work in many different places. They might drive through cities, towns and the countryside. Trains travel along tracks on a special planned route, stopping at stations along the way.



Some train drivers drive underground trains called tube trains. Many of these tube trains travel in tunnels below the city of London.

Some drivers do not carry passengers on their trains. they might carry post or other items that need to be moved around the country. These trains are called freight or cargo trains and are often very long.

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## How to Become a Train Driver

To become a train driver you need to be over 21 years old. Before you can become a train driver, you have to have an eye test and then do special training for over a year.

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Millions of passengers travel on trains everyday around the world and train drivers have been helping passengers in the UK to complete their journeys ever since 1825.

## What Roles and Responsibilities Do Train Drivers Have?

The main role of a train driver is to make sure that passengers arrive at their destination station safely. There are lots of signals that the driver needs to look out for and different speed limits. They are also responsible for making sure the train stays on time and arrives at each station when it is expected.

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### What Do Train Drivers Wear?

Like in lots of other jobs, train drivers wear a uniform that tells people which company they work for. Some companies ask their drivers to wear a suit, tie and even a hat. Some companies have a more relaxed uniform, such as a polo shirt or jumper with their company logo on, and comfortable trousers.



### How to Become a Train Driver

To become a train driver you need to be over 21 years old. Before you can become a train driver, you have to complete special tests and then train for over a year. At first, you will drive trains without any passengers to make sure that you are a safe driver.

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2. Complete this sentence by writing the missing word.

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- mending the engine when it is broken
- trying to keep the train on time

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: An interesting thing about tube trains is that they travel in tunnels underground.**

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