



OUT AND ABOUT - Getting around

Reality Check

Look carefully at this Japanese bullet train timetable.

Departing From	Time	Bullet Train Line	Destination	Arrival Time
とうきょう	0600	とうほく	はちのへ	0910
とうきょう	0600	あきた	あきた	1025
とうきょう	0628	やまがた	やまがた	0958
とうきょう	0608	じょえつ	にいがた	0816
とうきょう	0624	ながの	ながの	0804
とうきょう	0600	とかいど+さんよ	はかた	1058

- Where do all the bullet trains depart from?

- What time does the bullet train arrive in Nagano? How long does the trip take?

- What is Nagano famous for?

- What time does the bullet train for Niigata leave?

- How long is the journey to Hakata? Which island is Hakata on?

Eye on Japan

The *shinkansen* or bullet train is world famous. Find out more about it.

Use the following headings to guide your research.

- History
- Types of bullet train
- Onboard services
- Bullet train routes
- Speed and travel time

Present your information as a poster with pictures of various bullet trains and a map showing where bullet trains travel in Japan.

Let's get technical

Plan your trip to Japan! Begin by scanning a map of Japan and inserting it into a Word document. Then research the destinations that interest you and find out the distance between these destinations.

How will you get from place to place? For example, to get from Tokyo to Nagoya you could go by plane, bullet train, bus or train, but bullet trains don't travel all over Japan.

Draw your planned route onto your map. Write the itinerary of your trip, including details of where you will visit, how you will get there and the departure and arrival times. Include notes about Japanese currency and other useful tips, and include relevant pictures.