

**The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5)
School Year 2022 - 2023**

Name: _____

Subject: **English Language
Reading Comprehension
Formative Assessment**

Date: _____

Class: **Grade 5CP (C, D, E, F, G)**

Three terrific train trips kids will love

Over the mountains, over the sea, or even over the wizarding world of Hogwarts – here are three of the best train trips for the whole family to enjoy.

Bernia Express, Switzerland to Italy

Children love tunnels, right? So, what about a four-hour trip on the Bernia Express? With 196 bridges and 55 tunnels, your kids will be thrilled!

Jacobite Steam Train, Scotland

Come on an adventure and enjoy the magic – ride the Harry Potter Hogwarts Express across western Scotland. Considered by many as ‘one of the greatest railway journeys in the world’, this ride is as dramatic as it sounds.

Mumbai to Goa, India

Wow! Your kids will love the hustle and bustle, excitement and explosive colour of Indian trains. The Mumbai to Goa train passes luscious coconut groves and magnificent lakes, and rattles past urban areas with colourful houses. Famed for its food vendors who wander up and down the aisles, offering loads of delicious snacks.

Read the text about train rides for children, then answer the questions.

1. Look at the main heading. What literary technique is used?

Tick (✓) ONE box.

alliteration

simile

onomatopoeia

rhyme.

2. Why would children find Bernina Express so exciting?

- Children love tunnels and there are lots of / plenty of / (196) bridges and (55) tunnels
- There are (196) bridges and (55) tunnels

3. Look at the third paragraph.

There are several opinions given in the paragraph- some are the writer's opinion and some are not. Give one example of each.

The writer's opinion:

The writer's opinion • (an) adventure • (the) magic • (as) dramatic as it sounds

Not the writer's opinion:

- (Considered by many as one of) 'the greatest railway journeys in the world'

4. Look at the last paragraph.

Find a word that means Known for. Famed

5. Which train journey would you recommend for children who are always hungry? Explain your choice, giving information from the text.

the Indian train / train from Mumbai to Goa because (it has food vendors wandering up and down the aisles offering a vast selection / loads of) delicious snacks.

6. This text is a persuasive text.

a. What is the purpose of this text?

The writer tries to persuade the reader to go on a train ride.

b. Give three ways in which the writer does this.

- powerful / strong / superlative adjectives
- speaking directly to the reader
- asking the reader questions