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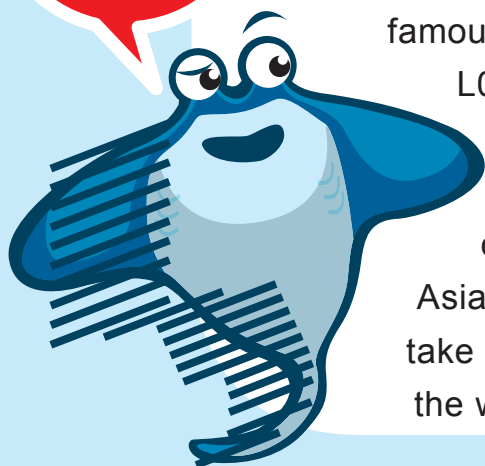


Speeding past the world

603 kilometres!
You could meet
distant friends
and family
quickly at that
speed!



But is that
Japanese train
faster than this
stingray?



FASTER cars, faster planes, faster trains. The high-speed rail industry has been growing ever since the first maglev trains took off in Japan during the 1980s, and a Japanese train has become famous again! Back in April, Japan's JR-Central L0 series maglev train achieved a speed of 603 km/h and became the fastest train in the world. But do not dismiss the rest of the globe – from Europe to the rest of Asia, high-speed rail is everywhere. Let us take a look at the various high-speed trains in the world!

Editor's Note

I love taking long train journeys when I am in other countries. It is so relaxing and you do not have to fight for a seat like you would in Hong Kong. I have been on a really fast train, the Eurostar, on my way to Paris. Before, it used to take me half a day to get to the French capital from London and I had to take the ferry. That was awful because I was always seasick and used to be sick everywhere! Learn more about fast trains on the next page. Winter is here but you would never have guessed it with all this warm weather. But we can still catch colds or the flu so wrap up well now that the temperature has dropped and use a tissue when you sneeze. It is horrible when I see kids use their sleeves to wipe their nose! See if Big Dee and Stevie use a tissue on G10.



Simon

I will not lose to a giant metal straw!

Cover Feature

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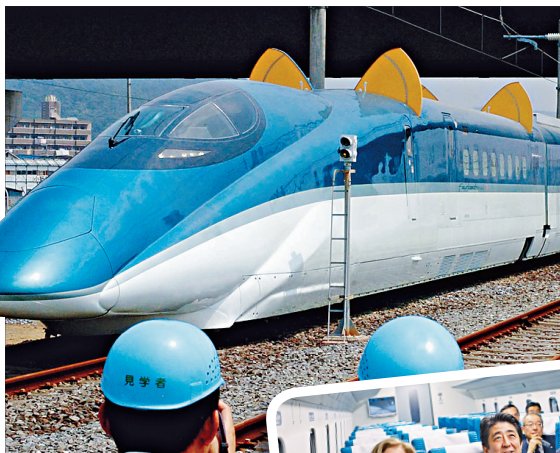
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ALL over the world, we are searching for the quickest and the quietest train just so that we can save some **travel time**. Buckle up and prepare for four high-speed trips across the globe!

The world's fastest

IN the Yamanashi (山梨) test, Japan's JR Central L0 series maglev trains achieved a speed of 603 km/h, breaking the record for the fastest passenger railway vehicle. JR Central's maglev line is scheduled to be **operational** by 2027.



London to Paris

THE Eurostar is a train connecting St Pancras International station in London, Britain (英國), to Gare du Nord in Paris, France (法國巴黎), and Brussels-South in Brussels, Belgium (布魯塞爾, 比利時). The Eurostar's highest speed is 300 km/h.

Faster than a plane?

MOST passenger planes fly at 800 to 850 km/h, and trains going 600 km/h practically fly like one. The CIT500 ultra high-speed train momentarily achieved the world's fastest train speed of 605 km/h during a **test run**, and was named the test train for higher speeds. But do you dare ride a train speeding at 600 km/h?



Catch me if you can, Big Dee!

The best train in Europe

INTERCITY-Express (ICE) is the fastest and most **comfortable** means of transport in Germany's rail system. Riding the ICE, you can reach most cities in Germany, in addition to cities in Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, France, etc. The ICE system has about 180 **stations**, is the fastest of all **continental** trains by over half an hour and provides much convenience to passengers going to all corners of Europe.



Vocabulary

travel time (n phr) 乘車時間
operational (adj) 運作的

test run (n phr) 試行
comfortable (adj) 舒適的

station (n) 站
continental (adj) 大陸



Challenge
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