



WINTER TRAINING

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A Train to Newcastle (Un Treno per Newcastle)



Linda: Excuse me, do you know if this train is going **all the way to** Newcastle?

Zach: Well **I hope so!**

Linda: Oh, are you going there too?

Zach: Yeah... it's **gonna** be a long journey, especially as I seem to have forgotten to buy a magazine or a newspaper.

Linda: Ah, but back in China, I once took a forty-eight hour train journey!

Zach: Forty-eight! Really?! That's a bit mad.

Linda: Yeah... China is so big, so it's not unusual to travel for forty-eight hours.

Zach: You forget really, don't you, how small the UK is.

Linda: Yeah compared to China it's **tiny**.

Zach: So are you er... are you a student or something over here?

Linda: No, I'm just learning English at a language school. That's why my English is so terrible!

Zach: Oh I don't know about that. You sound like you're from London or something. I can understand you perfectly.

Linda: Oh thank you, but I think your English is better!

Zach: Well thank you very much, I've only been practising for thirty odd years. You should hear my Mandarin **though**....!

Linda: Oh - are you learning Mandarin?

Zach: No, I'm just kidding. Unless you could teach me in the four hours before we get to Newcastle!

Linda: Maybe just 'hello' and 'goodbye'...

Zach: Oh I know that already. Er, **hang on** it's er ha... ni....Nihau!

Linda: You see, you can speak Mandarin! That's very good!