

Mark and Sarah Visit the London Twentytwelve Olympics



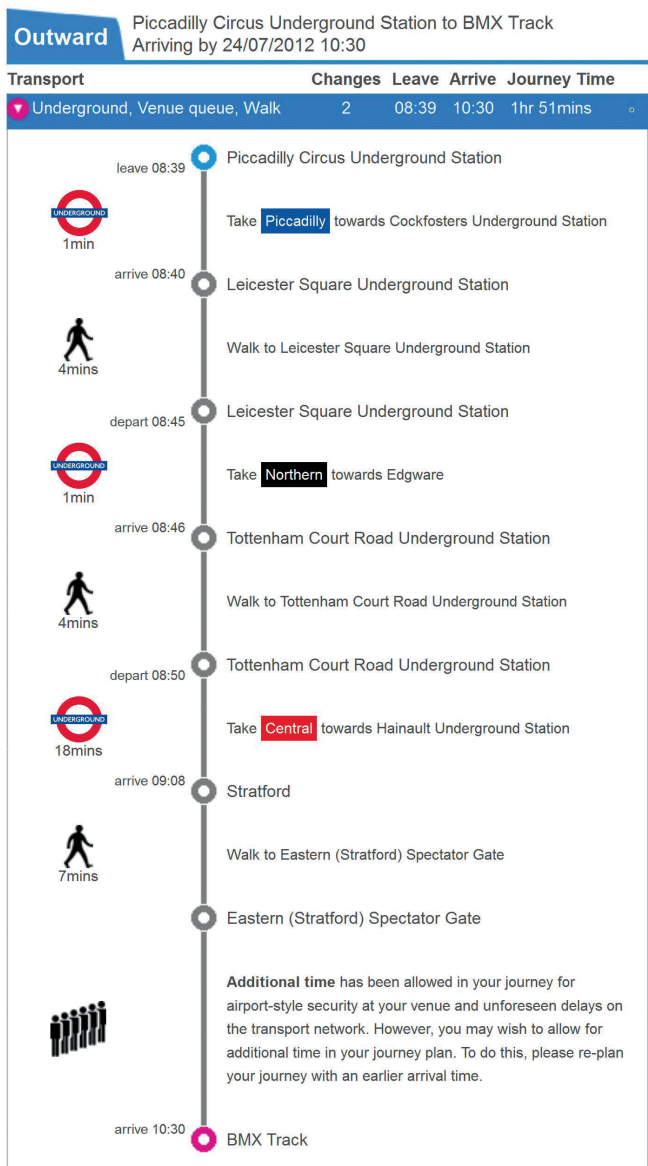
Mark from Manchester and Sarah from Berlin are penpals¹. They have arranged to meet² in London with their parents to visit the Olympics. Both families stay in a hotel on Piccadilly Circus. The parents want to go to Wimbledon to watch the tennis, but Mark and Sarah have tickets to see the BMX bikers in the Olympic Park.

Individual Work

1. On the evening before, Mark inquires³ on his smartphone on <http://travel.london2012.com/SJPWeb/Pages/JourneyPlannerInput.aspx> how to get to the BMX track. After that he describes the route to Sarah. Compare the directions from the Internet (M1) with Mark's directions¹⁰ (M2).
- a) Spot the small mistake in Mark's description.
- b) Find Mark's route on M3.

M 1

Excerpt¹¹ from the „Spectator Journey Planner“



Source: <http://travel.london2012.com/SJPWeb/Pages/JourneyPlannerInput.aspx>

M 2

Mark's directions

"We shall take the Piccadilly Line, eastbound. The first stop will be Leicester Square. There we have to change trains⁴ to the Northern Line, northbound. The next stop will be Tottenham Court Road already. There we have to alight⁵ and catch the eastbound Central Line train⁶. The eighth stop will be Stratford, which is our destination⁷. The Tube journey will last about half an hour. After a short walk we will arrive at the Eastern Spectator Gate. But it will then take nearly an hour until we finally arrive at the BMX track. But that does not mean we are inside the venue⁸ yet. So we should leave early. I want to be on time⁹.

Info

On the London Underground ("Tube") there are four general directions in which the trains travel: "northbound" (to the north), "southbound", "eastbound" und "westbound".

Individual work, to be discussed in class

2. On their way to the Olympic Park, Sarah and Mark want to meet up with¹² Patrick from Dublin who arrived at Stansted Airport. Use the London rail traffic map (M3) to suggest¹³ a meeting point.

Vocabulary

¹penpal – Brieffreund/in; ²to arrange to meet – sich verabreden; ³to inquire – sich erkundigen; ⁴to change trains – umsteigen; ⁵to alight – aussteigen; ⁶to catch a train – einen Zug nehmen/erreichen; ⁷destination – Ziel, Endstation; ⁸venue – Veranstaltungsort; ⁹on time – pünktlich; ¹⁰directions – Wegbeschreibung; ¹¹excerpt – Auszug; ¹²to meet up with somebody – sich mit jemandem treffen; ¹³to suggest – vorschlagen

M 3 London Rail Traffic Map for the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012 (excerpt)



Quelle: <http://www.london2012.com/visiting/getting-to-the-games/maps/mode-maps/games-travel-card-map.pdf> (Auszug, verändert)

Individual and group work (groups of four)

3. With the help of M3, solve the following difficulties Sarah and Mark might encounter¹⁴ on their journey to the venue. Each group member gets one task (a–d) and presents his/her solution to the group. The other group members comment. Words and phrases from M2 and the box on the right might help you with your presentation.
- You want to go from Piccadilly Circus to the Olympic Park but ...
- a) ... due to an accident, there are no trains on the Central Line eastbound.
 - b) ... Mark and Sarah have, by mistake, boarded the Northern Line southbound at Leicester Square station.
 - c) ... because of a bomb scare¹⁵ no trains are allowed to go through Liverpool Street Station.
 - d) ... Sarah would love to go on the Southeastern Javelin train to the Olympic Park.

Usefull words and phrases
to alight – aussteigen
to board a train – in einen Zug einsteigen
to catch a train – einen Zug nehmen/erreichen
destination – Reiseziel
to get off a train – aus einem Zug steigen
to change at – umsteigen in
to change for – umsteigen nach
direct – ohne Umsteigen
to depart – abfahren
to arrive – ankommen
delay – Verspätung
delayed train – verspäteter Zug
to go by train – mit dem Zug fahren

Individual work (for experts)

- 4. Give reasons why it takes more than one hour to reach the BMX track from the entrance of the Olympic Park.
- 5. Find reasons why sports venues are very often quite far away from the next rail station.

Individual work (or homework)

6. Use M4 and M5b to choose three different venues in London where you want to watch the Games. Arrange a table (see below) to show the best train connections from Piccadilly Circus. Share your results with the class in a short presentation.

Sport	Venue	Way from Piccadilly Circus

M 4 List of venues of the Olympic Games in London’s Central Zone and River Zone

Venue	Sport	Stations
Earls Court	Volleyball	Earls Court
Horse Guard’s Parade	Beach Volleyball	Charing Cross, Piccadilly Circus, Victoria, Green Park
Hyde Park	Swimming, Triathlon	Marble Arch, Paddington, Hyde Park Corner, Knightsbridge
Lord’s Cricket Ground	Archery	St. John’s Wood
The Mall	Race Walking, Road Bicycle Racing, Marathon Running	Charing Cross, Piccadilly Circus, Victoria, Green Park
ExCel	Boxing, Fencing, Weightlifting, Judo, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Wrestling	Custom House, Prince Regent, Pontoon Dock, West Silvertown
Greenwich Park	Show jumping, Eventing, Dressage, Pentathlon	Greenwich, Blackheath
North Greenwich Arena	Gymnastics, Basketball, Trampolining	North Greenwich
Royal Artillery Barracks	Shooting	Woolwich Arsenal

Individual work

7. Remember that Sarah and Mark arrived at Stratford station to go from there to the BMX track.

- a) Draw Sarah's and Mark's way from the station to the venue into M5c.
- b) Work out the length of this walk as precisely as possible.

Please note: The scale bar on map M5c is 2.8 cm long, which means that 1 cm on the map are 180 m in reality. You say: "The scale is one to eighteen thousand" or, more frequently, "The scale is one centimetre to one hundred and eighty metres."

Work in pairs

8. After they have watched the competition¹⁶, Sarah and Mark want to take a stroll¹⁷ around the Olympic Park. Design an interesting walk through the Olympic Park from the BMX track to the Tube. It should be 4 to 5 kilometres long (around 25 cm on the map).

Present your choice to a neighbouring group and compare your walks.

Individual work (homework)

9. Write a letter to a friend back home about your day in the Olympic Park.

Vocabulary

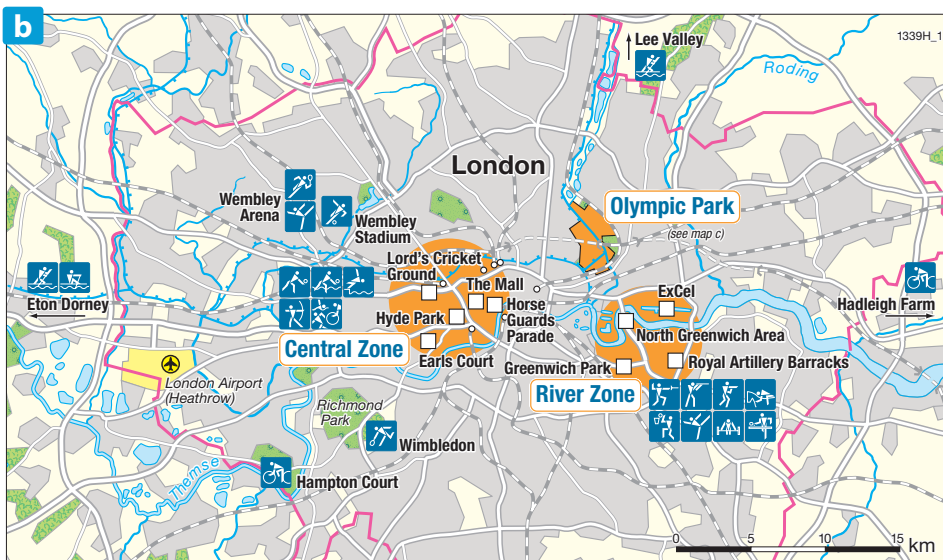
¹⁴to encounter difficulties – auf Schwierigkeiten stoßen;

¹⁵bomb scare – Bombendrohung; ¹⁶competition – Wettkampf;

¹⁷to take a stroll – einen Bummel machen/spazieren gehen

M 5

Venues of the Olympic Games 2012



Olympic sports/Events



Olympic Park London

