

The tests on pages 47 to 49 will show how well you can:

Sequence

Find similarities and differences

Predict

You will be working on your own.

Read the report.

The Rocky Mountaineer

1. The Rocky Mountaineer is a passenger train that travels through the spectacular, snow-tipped Canadian Rocky Mountains in late spring, summer and early autumn. People from all around the world are rushing to enjoy this unique rail journey.
2. Three of the different journeys available to passengers are described below.
3. The first leaves from Vancouver on the west coast and travels through some magnificent scenery to the small railway town of Kamloops. This non-stop journey takes a whole day and passengers do not reach Kamloops until early evening. They are transferred by coach to a hotel for the evening. Because of limited accommodation in the town, some are taken by coach to nearby mountain resorts. The following day their train continues, arriving that evening in Jasper, a tourist destination situated in the mountains beside a beautiful lake. Travellers have the option of continuing their journey the next day by coach or returning to Vancouver by train.
4. The second rail journey starts in Vancouver early in the morning and follows the same route, arriving in the early evening in Kamloops, where the passengers are accommodated for the night. They depart early and spend all day travelling to the world-renowned town of Banff, situated in the mountains near a swiftly flowing river where whitewater rafting is popular. The hot springs in Banff and the ski resorts close by make it a popular tourist destination all year round. It is not far from some magnificent lakes, one of the most famous being Lake Louise. Some passengers choose to return by train to Vancouver, but most extend their holiday, continuing to explore the Rocky Mountains by coach.
5. The Rocky Mountaineer is so popular that it introduced a third train journey in 2005. This leaves from Vancouver and takes a more northerly route through the famous ski resort of Whistler. Passengers have a choice of continuing in the train to Kamloops and then either Jasper or Banff, or they can return to Vancouver. This shorter journey was introduced for those tourists who wanted to experience the Rocky Mountains but had limited time.
6. Passengers who travel on the Rocky Mountaineer have the opportunity to see some breathtaking scenery, stay at some world famous hotels and enjoy some wonderful food and service on the train.

