



Navigating the Paris Metro: A Story for Beginners

Follow Lucas on his first Metro ride in Paris as he buys a ticket, struggles with the gate, and gets help from a kind stranger. Through this simple story, you'll learn essential Metro vocabulary, directions, and phrases for asking for help.

A1 • Beginner 60 sentences 86 new words



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The lesson

1 **première • first**

Lucas est à Paris pour la **première** fois.

loo-KAH eh ta pah-REE poor lah pruh-MYEHR fwah

Lucas is in Paris for the first time.

2 **content • happy**

Il est très **content**.

eel eh treh kohn-TAHN

He is very happy.

3 **aller • to go**

Il veut **aller** à la Tour Eiffel.

eel vuh ah-leh ah lah toor eh-FEL

He wants to go to the Eiffel Tower.

4 arrive • to arrive

Il **arrive** à la station République.

eel ah-REEV ah lah stah-SYOHN reh-poo-BLEEK

He arrives at République station.

5 grande • big

La station est très **grande**.

lah stah-SYOHN eh treh grahnd

The station is very big.

6 monde • people

Il y a beaucoup de **monde**.

eel yah boh-KOO duh mohnd

There are a lot of people.

7 panneau • sign

Lucas regarde le **panneau**.

loo-KAH ruh-GAHRD luh pah-NOH

Lucas looks at the sign.

8 lignes • lines

Il y a beaucoup de **lignes**.

eel yah boh-KOO duh leen-yuh

There are many lines.

9 comprendre • to understand

Lucas ne **comprend** pas.

loo-KAH nuh kohm-PRAHN pah

Lucas doesn't understand.

10 plan • map

Il prend le **plan** du métro.

eel prahn luh plahn doo meh-TROH

He takes the metro map.

11 **compiqué · complicated**

Le plan est très **compiqué**.

luh plahn eh treh kohm-plee-KAY

The map is very complicated.

12 **inquiet · worried**

Lucas est **inquiet**.

loo-KAH eh tan-KYEH

Lucas is worried.

13 **machine · machine**

Il va à la **machine** à tickets.

eel vah ah lah mah-SHEEN ah tee-KEH

He goes to the ticket machine.

14 **acheter · to buy**

Il ne sait pas quel ticket **acheter**.

eel nuh seh pah kel tee-KEH ahsh-TAY

He doesn't know which ticket to buy.

15 **bouton · button**

Il appuie sur un **bouton**.

eel ah-PWEE soor un boo-TOHN

He presses a button.

16 **bon · right**

Ce n'est pas le **bon** ticket.

suh neh pah luh bohn tee-KEH

It's not the right ticket.

17 **recommence · to start again**

Il annule et **recommence**.

eel ah-NOOL eh ruh-koh-MAHNS

He cancels and starts again.

18 **attendent · to wait**

Des gens **attendent** derrière lui.

deh zhahn ah-TAHND deh-RYEHR lwee

People are waiting behind him.

19 **stressé · stressed**

Lucas est très **stressé**.

loo-KAH eh treh streh-SAY

Lucas is very stressed.

20 **achète · to buy**

Enfin, il **achète** un ticket.

ahn-FAN, eel ah-SHET un tee-KEH

Finally, he buys a ticket.

21 **respire · to breathe**

Il **respire**.

eel reh-SPEER

He breathes.

22 **portillon · gate**

Il va au **portillon**.

eel vah oh por-tee-YOHN

He goes to the gate.

23 **ouvre · to open**

Le portillon ne s'**ouvre** pas.

luh por-tee-YOHN nuh soovr pah

The gate doesn't open.

24 **essaie · to try**

Il **essaie** encore une fois.

eel eh-SEH ahn-KOR oon fwah

He tries once more.

25 fermé · closed

Le portillon reste **fermé**.

luh por-tee-YOHN rest fehr-MAY

The gate stays closed.

26 troisième · third

Lucas essaie une **troisième** fois.

loo-KAH eh-SEH oon twah-ZYEM fwah

Lucas tries a third time.

27 Rien · nothing

Rien.

ree-AN

Nothing.

28 bouge · to move

Il ne **bouge** pas.

eel nuh boozh pah

It doesn't move.

29 passe · to pass

Tout le monde **passe** vite.

too luh mohnd pahs veet

Everyone passes quickly.

30 seul · alone

Lucas est **seul**.

loo-KAH eh suhl

Lucas is alone.

31 rouge · red

Il est **rouge**.

eel eh roozh

He is red (in the face).

32 **partir · to leave**

Il veut **partir**.

eel vuh pahr-TEER

He wants to leave.

33 **arrête · to stop**

Soudain, une dame âgée s'**arrête**.

soo-DAN, oon dahm ah-ZHAY sah-RET

Suddenly, an elderly lady stops.

34 **regarde · to look at**

Elle **regarde** Lucas.

el ruh-GAHRD loo-KAH

She looks at Lucas.

35 **sourit · to smile**

Elle **sourit**.

el soo-REE

She smiles.

36 **besoin · need**

Elle dit doucement : « Tu as **besoin** d'aide ? »

el dee doos-MAHN: too ah buh-ZWAN ded

She says gently: "Do you need help?"

37 **oui · yes**

Lucas dit **oui**.

loo-KAH dee wee

Lucas says yes.

38 **ticket · ticket**

La dame regarde le **ticket**.

lah dahm ruh-GAHRD luh tee-KEH

The lady looks at the ticket.

39 **zone · zone**

Le ticket n'est pas bon pour cette **zone**.

luh tee-KEH neh pah bohn poor set zohn

The ticket is not right for this zone.

40 **emmène · to take**

Elle **emmène** Lucas à la machine.

el ah-MEN loo-KAH ah lah mah-SHEEN

She takes Lucas to the machine.

41 **aide · to help**

Elle l'**aide** à acheter un bon ticket.

el led ah ahsh-TAY un bohn tee-KEH

She helps him buy the right ticket.

42 **retourne · to go back**

Lucas **retourne** au portillon.

loo-KAH ruh-TOORN oh por-tee-YOHN

Lucas goes back to the gate.

43 **ouvre · to open**

Le portillon s'**ouvre** !

luh por-tee-YOHN soovr

The gate opens!

44 **sourit · to smile**

Lucas **sourit**.

loo-KAH soo-REE

Lucas smiles.

45 **montent · to get on**

Ils **montent** dans le métro ensemble.

eel mohnt dahn luh meh-TROH ahn-SAHMBL

They get on the metro together.

46 **direction · direction**

La dame dit : « Ligne 6, **direction** Nation. »

lah dahm dee: leen-yuh sees, dee-rek-SYOHN nah-SYOHN

The lady says: "Line 6, direction Nation."

47 **descends · to get off**

Elle dit aussi : « Tu **descends** à Bir-Hakeim. »

el dee oh-see: too deh-SAHN ah beer-ah-KEM

She also says: "You get off at Bir-Hakeim."

48 **écoute · to listen**

Lucas **écoute** bien.

loo-KAH eh-KOOT byan

Lucas listens carefully.

49 **note · to note**

Il **note** sur son téléphone.

eel noht soor sohn teh-leh-FON

He writes it down on his phone.

50 **merci · thank you**

Il dit **merci** à la dame.

eel dee mehr-SEE ah lah dahm

He says thank you to the lady.

51 **sourit · to smile**

La dame **sourit**.

lah dahm soo-REE

The lady smiles.

52 **visite · visit**

Elle dit : « Bonne **visite** ! »

el dee: bon vee-ZEET

She says: "Enjoy your visit!"

53 arrive · to arrive

Le métro **arrive** à la station Bir-Hakeim.

luh meh-TROH ah-REEV ah lah stah-SYOHN beer-ah-KEM

The metro arrives at Bir-Hakeim station.

54 descend · to get off

Lucas **descend**.

loo-KAH deh-SAHN

Lucas gets off.

55 devant · in front

Il regarde **devant** lui.

eel ruh-GAHRD duh-VAHN lwee

He looks in front of him.

56 voit · to see

Il **voit** la Tour Eiffel.

eel vwah lah toor eh-FEL

He sees the Eiffel Tower.

57 belle · beautiful

Elle est très grande et très **belle**.

el eh treh grahnd eh treh bel

It is very big and very beautiful.

58 photo · photo

Lucas prend une **photo**.

loo-KAH prahn oon foh-TOH

Lucas takes a photo.

59 magnifique · magnificent

Il pense : « Paris est **magnifique**. »

eel pahns: pah-REE eh mah-nyee-FEEK

He thinks: "Paris is magnificent."

Il pense aussi : « Les gens sont très **gentils**. »

eel pahns oh-see: leh zhahn sohn treh zhahn-TEE

He also thinks: "People are very kind."

Vocabulary — 86



première

pruh-myehr

first



fois

fwah

time



très

treh

very



content

kohn-tahn

happy



veut

vuh

wants



aller

ah-leh

to go



arrive

ah-reev

arrives



station

stah-syohn

station



grande

grahnd

big



beaucoup

boh-koo

a lot



monde

mohnd

people



regarde

ruh-gard

looks at



panneau

pah-noh

sign



lignes

leen-yuh

lines



comprend

kohm-prahn

understands



prend

prahn

takes



plan

plahn

map



métro

meh-troh

metro



compliqué

kohm-plee-kay

complicated



inquiet

an-kyeh

worried



va

vah

goes



machine

mah-sheen

machine



tickets

tee-keh

tickets



sait

seh

knows



ticket

tee-keh

ticket



acheter

ahsh-tay

to buy

**appuie**

ah-pwee

presses

**bon**

bohn

right

**recommence**

ruh-koh-mahns

starts again

**attendent**

ah-tahnd

wait

**stressé**

streh-say

stressed

**achète**

ah-shet

buys

**portillon**

por-tee-yohn

gate

**essaie**

eh-seh

tries

**reste**

rest

stays

**troisième**

twah-zyem

third

**bouge**

boozh

moves

**vite**

veet

quickly

**rouge**

roozh

red

**Soudain**

soo-dan

Suddenly

**âgée**

ah-zhay

elderly

**sourit**

soo-ree

smiles

**bouton**

boo-tohn

button

**annule**

ah-nool

cancels

**gens**

zhahn

people

**derrière**

BACK

deh-ryehr

behind

**Enfin**

ahn-fan

Finally

**respire**

reh-speer

breathes

**ouvre**

oovr

opens

**encore**

ahn-kor

again

**fermé**

fehr-may

closed

**Rien**

ree-an

Nothing

**passe**

pahs

passes

**seul**

suhl

alone

**partir**

pahr-teer

to leave

**dame**

dahm

lady

**arrête**

ah-ret

stops

**dit**

dee

says



doucement

doos-mahn

gently



aide

ed

help



zone

zohn

zone



BACK

retourne

ruh-toorn

goes back



ensemble

ahn-sahmbl

together



direction

dee-rek-syohn

direction



descends

deh-sahn

get off



bien

byan

carefully



téléphone

teh-leh-fon

phone



Bonne

bon

Good



descend

deh-sahn

gets off



voit

vwah

sees



photo

foh-toh

photo



magnifique

mah-nyee-feek

magnificent



besoin

buh-zwan

need



oui

wee

yes



emmène

ah-men

takes



montent

mohnt

get on



ligne

leen-yuh

line



aussi

oh-see

also



écoute

eh-koot

listens



note

noht

writes down



merci

mehr-see

thank you



visite

vee-zeet

visit



devant

duh-vahn

in front



belle

bel

beautiful



pense

pahns

thinks



gentils

zhahn-tee

kind