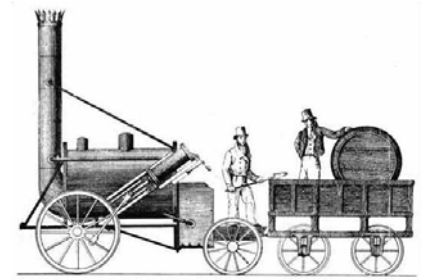


Trains are the fastest and most efficient kind of land transport. High-speed passenger trains can carry up to 800 passengers at speeds of nearly 300 kilometres per hour. Freight trains are slower, but can carry thousands of tonnes of goods such as oil, chemicals and cars.



The famous steam locomotive „The Rocket“ was designed by George Stephenson and built by his son Robert. It was the first public railway, the „Liverpool and Manchester Railway“.

This was in 1830. Over the next 20 years, many other countries began building their own railway networks.

By 1917, there were about a million miles of railway track worldwide. Then people began to use cars instead of trains, and railways became less important.



In 1938 the British locomotive Mallard set a world speed record for a steam locomotive of 203 km/h.

In 1990 the French high-speed train TGV reached a speed of 515 km/h.

efficient: efficace
kind: type, sorte
up to: jusqu'à
freight: frêt, merchandise
goods: biens
such as: tel(s) que
steam: vapeur
design: concevoir
network: réseau
track: trace, voie
instead of: au lieu de
less: moins
reach: atteindre

Translate:

- 1. C'est un train très rapide.
- 2. Le train peut transporter jusqu'à 800 personnes.....
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- 3. Les trains de marchandise sont très lents.
- 4. Le „Rocket“ fut construit par Robert Stephenson.
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- 5. Ils construisirent leur propre réseau ferroviaire.
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- 6. A cette époque les gens utilisaient des voitures.
- 7. Les chemins de fer devinrent moins importants.
- 8. Le TGV atteignit une vitesse supérieure à 500 km/h.
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