

Old Blue Trains

These days, the trains in Taiwan are very nice. They have air conditioning, and they are very fast...

But when your mommy and daddy were young people, the trains in Taiwan were very different.

你爸爸媽媽小時候坐的火車，跟現在的火車很不一樣喔。

The old trains were painted blue. The old trains were slow... and guess what? They didn't have air conditioning! But, you could open the windows on the train!

老火車是藍色的，速度很慢，而且還沒有冷氣！但是旅客可以打開窗戶。

If your mommy and daddy tell you they miss the old trains, I have good news for them... The old blue trains are coming back! They will only be used for special trips. So, if mommy and daddy want to feel young again, they can get a ticket and go ride on the old blue trains.

好消息，藍皮老火車要回來了！雖然是特別的班次，但只要買了票就可以搭乘。

How about you? Would you like to ride on a train with no air conditioning?

Although, remember... you can open the windows.

你想去坐一下沒有冷氣的火車嗎？記住可以打開窗戶喔！

Hmm... I say, sure, why not? Maybe it would be fun.

But not every day! I like air conditioning, and open windows let smoke and bad air come in! Taiwan's new trains are much more comfortable.

Vocabulary

老火車重出江湖，滿足人們對過去的懷念。

1. Train 火車。

Would you like to ride on the old blue trains? 你會想搭藍皮老火車嗎？
No, not really. I prefer fast new trains. 不會，我比較喜歡快捷的新火車。

2. Air conditioning 冷氣。

I don't like trains with no air conditioning. 我不喜歡沒有冷氣的火車。

You can open the window! 你可以打開窗戶啊！

Well, there's air pollution outside. 外面有空氣汙染。

3. Miss 想念。

So you don't miss the old times. 所以你不想念舊日的時光。

I miss some of it, like riding a bike everywhere.

我會想念一部份，比如說到哪裡都騎腳踏車。

4. Young 年輕的。

People often miss the time when they were young. 人們經常想念自己年輕的時候。

Not me. I was poor when I was young. 我可不。我年輕時很窮的。

我們來讀單字吧。

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Quiz

1. What color were the old trains in Taiwan?

A: Pink

B: Purple

C: Blue

2. What DIDN'T the old trains have?

A: They didn't have wheels

B: They didn't have air conditioning

C: They didn't have windows

3. What are the new trains in Taiwan like?

A: They are fast and have air conditioning.

B: They are pink and yellow.

C: Taiwan doesn't have trains anymore!