

Train Spotting Log Sheet

Record every train you spot. Free from www.uktrainspotting.co.uk - the UK train spotting resource. Print as many as you like.

Date: _____ Location / station: _____

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Tip: the first two digits of a train's number tell you its class - so 66123 is a Class 66. Never guess a detail; leave it blank.

How to read UK train numbers

It's like a number plate for trains

Modern British locomotives and units carry a unique running number under the TOPS system. Note it and you'll never count the same catch twice.

The first digits = the class

The class tells you the type of train. A locomotive numbered 66123 is the 123rd Class 66; a passenger unit 800210 is part of the Class 800 family.

Where to look

On locomotives the number is on the cab side; on passenger units it's usually on the cab front or the vehicle ends.

Spot it, then log it

Use a live-times app to confirm what's due, then record it on your log sheet: date, class, number, operator and where you saw it.

Spot safely and legally

Always stay in public areas and behind the yellow line, never trespass on the railway, don't obstruct passengers or staff, and follow railway staff instructions at all times.

YOUR FIRST CHALLENGE - Spot 5 classes

Can you spot and log five different train classes on your next visit? Write each one as you catch it:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____