

# Reading

## InterRail adventure

Paula,  
Don't forget to write when you are travelling around Europe.  
I'd love to meet up. My email is MarkThomas15@hotmail.com  
Mark

Mark,

Monday 13th

I'm going to be in Paris on Thursday. My new friend Monika – she's the one from Poland – invited me to stay at her student flat. But she lives a long way out so I'm not going to. I wouldn't like to be too far from the Eiffel Tower. I've got a bed in a youth hostel for 3 nights. Are you going to be there on Thursday?

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Hi Mark,

Saturday 11th

How is your InterRail trip around Europe? I'm having a great time. Would you like to meet up in Paris next week? I'd love to see you. I'm in Holland now but I'm going to be in Belgium tomorrow and France is quite near.

Paula

Hi Paula,

Sunday 12th

So far the trip is great fun! Tomorrow I'm going to take the ferry from Italy to Spain. I'm not going to stay there for long – about three days. I'm going to stay with my new Spanish friend, Juan in Madrid. He's going to take me sightseeing. Then I'm going to catch a coach to the French border at Irun. There are buses and trains from there to Paris. Of course I'd like to meet you!

Mark

Tuesday 14th

Hi Paula,

No, I'm not. I'm going to arrive on Friday morning. Why don't you meet me at about 11.00? Can you book a bed for me in the same place? For 2 nights? Is it in a good place? Can we get to the centre on foot? I'd like to walk everywhere and take lots of photos. I want to buy some souvenirs too. The Internet is very slow here so send me a text message!

Mark

Yes, I can book a bed for you. The hostel is near *Gare du Nord* underground station. Get off the train there. It's very central. Here's a map [www.parisunderground.fr/127](http://www.parisunderground.fr/127). See you at 11. I'm going to wait in Café Lyon. You can't miss it. There's a tram stop right outside.  
CU soon,  
We can practise our French!  
Paula

Reply

Send

### GLOSSARY

InterRail – kolej międzynarodowa  
sightseeing – zwiedzanie  
border – granica

youth hostel – schronisko młodzieżowe  
souvenir – pamiątka  
CU – see you

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Find cheap youth hostels all over Europe at Hostelling International.  
<https://www.hihostels.com>  
Find information about the countries of Europe on the EU website:  
<http://europa.eu>

### 3 Read the text again and answer the questions in your notebooks.

- 1 How many European countries do Mark and Paula mention?
- 2 How many types of transport do they mention?
- 3 Which European capital city does Mark's friend live in?
- 4 Which language (besides English) can Mark and Paula speak?
- 5 Is Mark going to meet Paula at the youth hostel?