A freight train travels through a mountain range.

Join *TFK* as we explore the world of trains.
Types of Trains

A train is a set of railway cars. Some trains carry people. Others carry goods. Trains can move along one track or two. Ready to ride? Chug along with TIME for Kids as we discover different types of trains.

This is a freight train.
It carries heavy goods. Freight trains often travel long distances. What do you think this train is carrying in its containers?

This is a monorail.
It runs on one track instead of two. Monorails are powered by electricity. They are often used at airports and amusement parks.

This is a subway train.
People in big cities ride subway trains. These trains are powered by electricity. They run underground.

This is a passenger train.
It carries people from place to place. It can travel across the country. Have you been on a train like this?

Did You Know?
Trains can move very fast. They can’t stop quickly. That’s why there are signs and signals at railroad crossings. Always pay attention to these signs and signals. They help people stay safe.
From S-l-o-w to Fast!

Trains have changed over time. They look different from how they used to look. They’ve gotten faster, too. Here’s how trains have changed.

The DeWitt Clinton train began running in New York in 1831. It was powered by steam. The train was slow and loud.

The Shanghai maglev train began running in China in 2002. Magnets make it move. The train is fast and quiet.