CHEAT SHEET

School talk: the trains of Myloi

How to put it together

1. **Start with a question.** Ask your class: "Who has ever eaten souvlaki?" Then everyone will listen straight away.
2. **Say where Myloi is.** Myloi is a village in Greece, in the Peloponnese. It lies by the sea, between the towns of Argos and Nafplio. Show it on a map!
3. **Tell three or four facts.** Choose from the facts below. Show a photo with each fact.
4. **Tell something funny.** The story of the souvlaki through the train window, or of the train that was late. That's the kind of thing your class will remember best.
5. **End with a quiz.** Ask your class two or three questions. Who knows the answer?

Tips

- Practise out loud a few times, for example in front of your parents.
- Look at your class, not just at your cheat sheet.
- Five to ten minutes is a good length.
- At the end, say where you got your information from: the Visit Myloi website.

Facts

- On 4 August 1886 the first train ran from Argos to Myloi.
- From Myloi, a line was built through the mountains to Tripoli. The first train ran there in the summer of 1891.
- At first, Myloi had two stations, belonging to two different railway companies. The small station closed in 1891.
- In the big station, the stationmaster lived with his family above the ticket office.
- In 1947 new trains came to Myloi by boat, because the bridge at Corinth had been destroyed in the war.
- A steam engine uses lots of water. That's why there are two water towers at the station.
- Sellers held trays of souvlaki up to the open train windows.
- Since 2010 no regular trains have run, but the five station buildings and ten old locomotives are still there.

Quiz questions for your class

- How did the new trains get to Myloi in 1947? (By boat!)
- Why were there water towers at the station? (A steam engine needs lots of water.)
- What could you buy through the train window? (Souvlaki!)

The trains of Myloi

A school talk about the old station in Myloi, in Greece.

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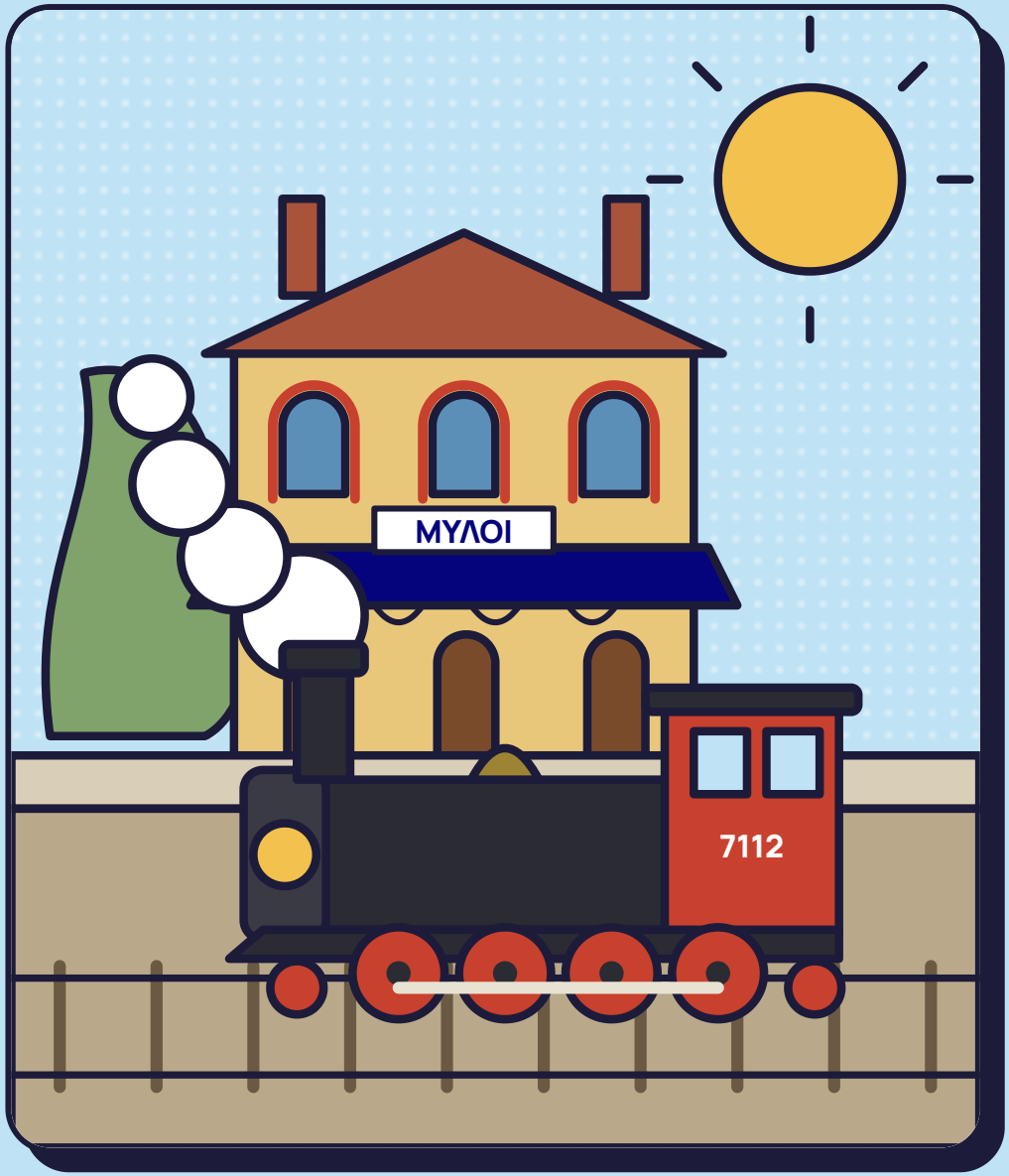

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Where is Myloi?

Myloi is a village in Greece, in the Peloponnese.
It lies by the sea, between the towns of Argos and Nafplio.



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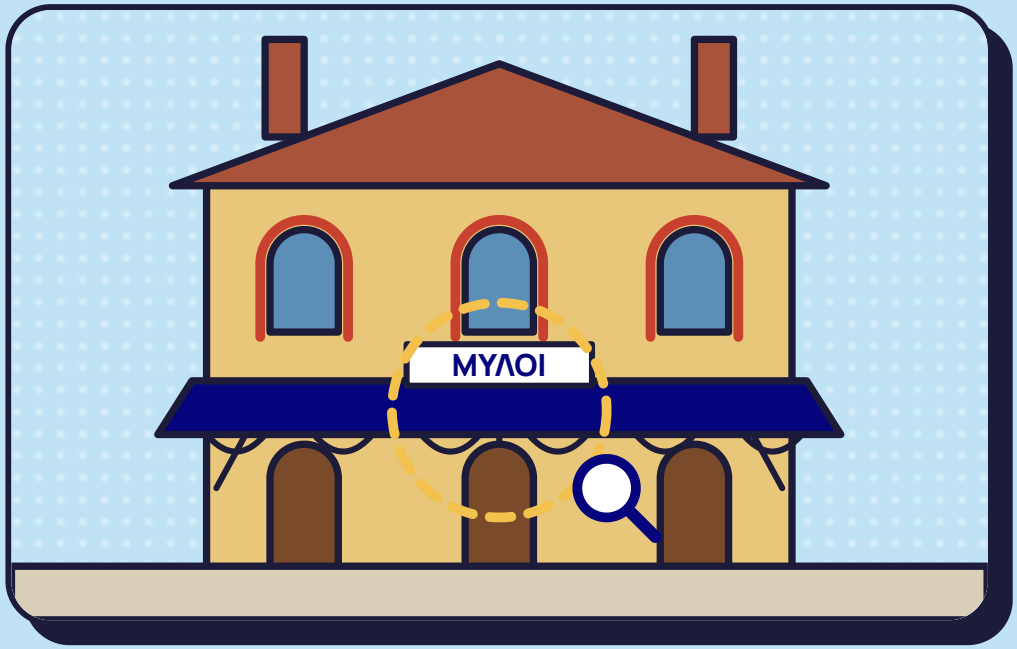
The train comes to Myloi

On 4 August 1886 the first train ran from Argos to Myloi.
After that came a line through the mountains to Tripoli: the first train ran there in 1891.



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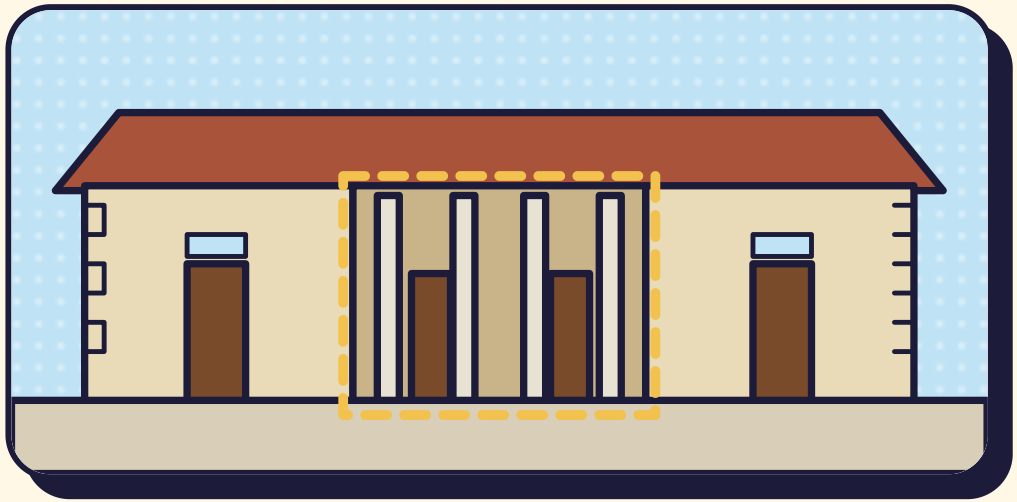
Two stations in one village

At first, Myloi had TWO stations, from two railway companies.
In the big station, the stationmaster lived above the ticket office.



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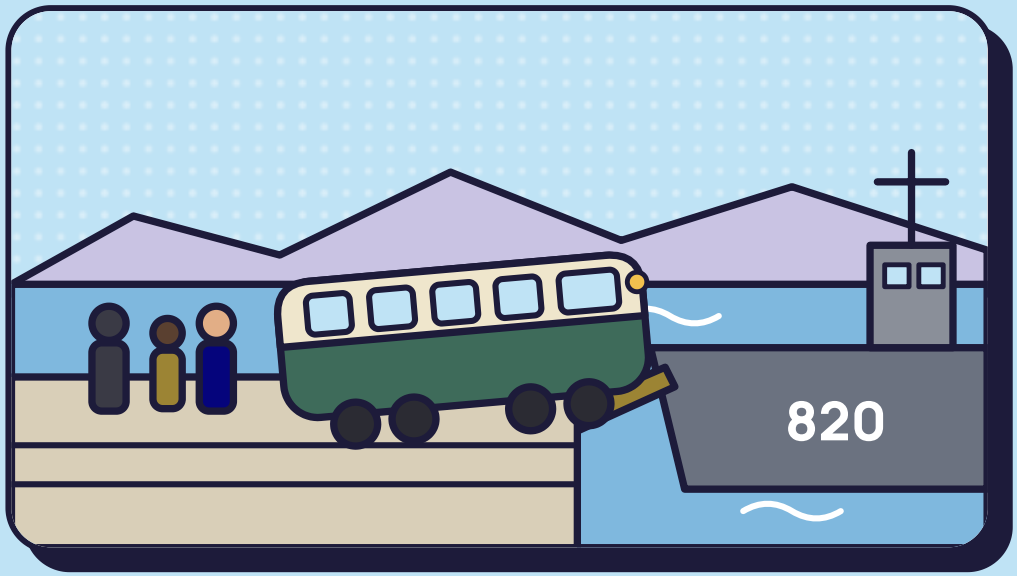
A train that came by boat

In 1947 the bridge at Corinth was destroyed. New trains came by boat from Piraeus and rolled onto the pier here!



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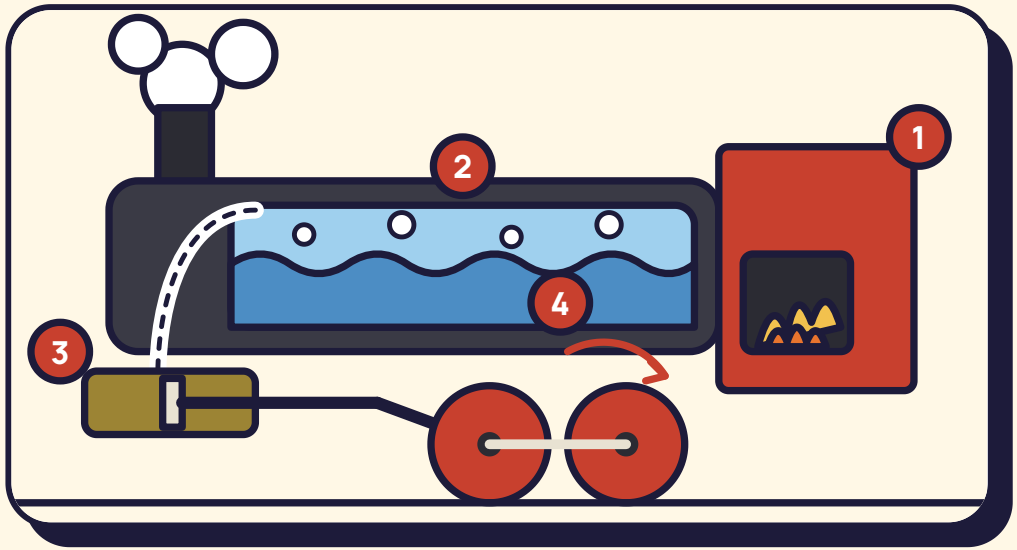
A kettle on wheels

Fire makes the water hot, the water turns into steam, and the steam pushes the wheels round.
That’s why there are two water towers at the station.



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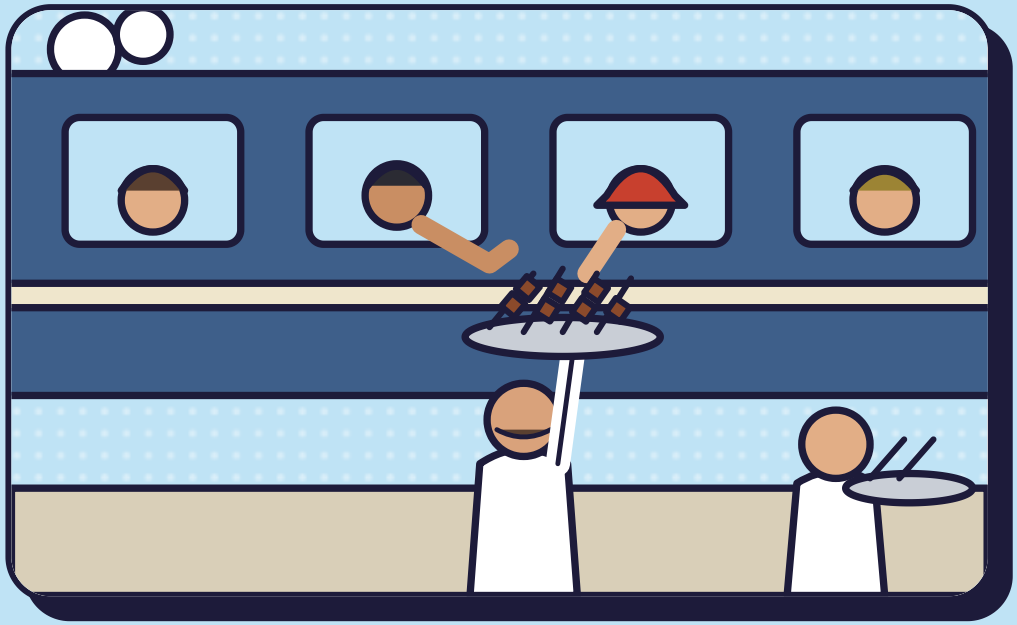
Souvlaki through the window

Sellers held trays of souvlaki up to the open train windows.
Pay quickly, grab quickly, and off went the train again!



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The station now

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Quiz!

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Sources

Information: Visit Myloi (visitmyloi.gr), page about Myloi railway station.
Photos: Visit Myloi. Drawings: Visit Myloi Junior.