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- Get to your starting or destination station.
- Have your metro card ready. Some stations have card readers attached to the ceiling. It is a black square with a white circle. It is a good practice to look outside the window each time the metro stops at a station, just to double-check your stop. If you don’t “tap in” to the metro correctly, you will not be able to “tap out” when you attempt to leave your destination station.
- Head to the correct platform to wait for your metro. The platform is labeled using a sign that is the final station of that metro line (e.g., red, orange, blue, etc.). When the metro is heading towards the direction of the sign, be sure to wait on the platform of the correct color. Once at the platform, the digital display will tell you how many cars are on the metro. If you need to transfer, the displays in each car will show you the correct platform you need to go to.
- The digital display will show the amount of the fare and the remaining balance on your metro card.
- Head out the station and continue your journey!

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