

Vocabulary

Means of Transport: walking / bus / tram / train / bike/bicycle / boat / ship / ferry / car / taxi / aeroplane (BrE)/airplane (AmE)/plane / metro/underground/tube (BrE)/subway (AmE) / motorbike (BrE)/motorcycle (AmE)

Procedures: to book a seat/ticket in advance / to reserve a seat / to check-in / to buy a ticket/pass / to plan a route / to get directions / to board a bus/train / to wait in a queue (BrE)/to queue (BrE)/to wait in line (AmE)

Places and Things: waiting room / terminal / gate / cabin / platform / carriage (BrE)/car (AmE) / compartment / aisle/window/middle seat / ticket / boarding pass / year/monthly/day pass / single ticket (BrE)/one-way ticket (AmE) / return ticket (BrE)/round-trip ticket (AmE) / business/economy class / hand luggage (BrE)/carry-on luggage (AmE) / checked luggage

Adjectives: fast / high-speed / slow / environmentally-friendly / long-distance / direct / safe / comfortable / convenient / efficient / crowded / dangerous / affordable / cheap

Verbs: to ride a bike/motorbike / to ride/catch/take a/the tram/bus/the metro / to go by foot/bus / to fly / to drive / to get a ride / to cycle

Types of Travel: family holiday (BrE)/vacation (AmE) / excursion / guided tour / trek / safari / school/day/road/camping/business trip

Pair Discussion

Imagine you and your partner are in charge of improving transport in your city or region.

Personal Questions

- What types of transport are there where you live?
- What type of transport do you use most often and why?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of flying?
- What kind of behaviour is appropriate/inappropriate on public transport?

“My village/town/city has... / It is possible to use/take/go by... / There is... / You can use... / You can also take... / There are lots of/aren't many... for example...”

“I commonly/mostly/always... take/go by/use... / I normally/usually/frequently... because... but I rarely/don't often... because... / I like/prefer it because...”

“Flying is cheaper/more expensive than... / is the most... option / the least... way to... / I really enjoy it because... / I like/hate/don't mind flying because...”

“You should... and offer your seat to... / You have to... / You shouldn't... / Watch out for... / Be aware of... / Make sure you...”

Discuss the different types of transport you already have, and suggest new possibilities. Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of transport. Then agree on one or two suggestions for your area.

* You can find a sample dialogue on the December 2017 CD.

Language for Comparing and Contrasting

A is faster than... / more comfortable than... / less convenient than ... / not as expensive as... / almost as cheap as ...

A is much faster / slower / more comfortable than...

On the other hand... / However... / While A is..., B is... / A is ..., but B is...

Similarly to A, B is... / Both A and B are...

Neither A nor B is as cheap as... / In contrast to A, B is...

Language Point

When we talk about **normal routines**, we usually use the **definite article (the)**,

e.g. *I take the bus to school every day.*

You can use a **definite or indefinite (a/an) article** to talk about a **single journey**.

e.g. *Shall we take a bus to the cinema tonight?*

The metro or **specific lines** (e.g. the yellow line, the number 22 tram) get the **definite article**.

e.g. *Should I take the #13 bus to the airport?*

Bridge

