

● What types / means of transport are there?

Transport can be divided into private and public / personal and freight / land, air and sea transport. Private transport can include cars, trucks, motorbikes (*BrE*) / motorcycles (*AmE*), bicycles... Public transport includes trams, underground / tube (*BrE*) / subway (*AmE*) / metro, trains... All of these are types of land transport. Air travel mainly means aeroplanes (*BrE*) / airplanes (*AmE*). Sea transport for people includes ferries, ocean liners, yachts, ships.

● What means of travel / transport do you use / have you used?

I don't have a car so I have to get around on foot / go by bus / go by tram... I go to school by underground / metro / subway... Sometimes, I ride a bike because it is quick / cheap / eco-friendly... When travelling round the country / abroad, I prefer going by train / bus / coach / plane... because it's comfortable / cheap / safe... I've never ridden a horse / flown in a balloon..., but I'd like to, one day. I wouldn't want to travel on a yacht / on an ocean liner because I would feel seasick / am afraid the boat / ship might sink...

● What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling long distances by rail / train?

A train can get you directly from one city centre to another. Trains allow you to see the countryside / get up and move around whenever you like... There is also more room / space than on a bus. Trains are usually better for the environment than planes. The disadvantages of rail travel are that it is usually slower / more expensive... than other means of transport. The railway coaches (*BrE*) / carriages (*BrE*) / passenger cars (*AmE*) are sometimes old / smelly / dirty.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling long distances by bus / coach?

Buses / coaches are cheaper / faster / more comfortable / much greener than flying... On a bus you can relax / enjoy the scenery / catch up on some sleep... Using a bus / coach instead of a car / plane can help reduce pollution. The disadvantage is that you don't have much leg room and it can break down / be cramped / get stuck in a traffic jam. I prefer going by coach because coaches are safe / have toilets on board...

● What are the advantages and disadvantages of flying / travelling by plane?

A plane is fast / quite comfortable... The disadvantages of air travel / flying / going by plane are that it creates a lot of pollution / check-in can be very long / airports are located out of the city / your flight can be cancelled or there may be an unexpected delay. Flying can also be stressful and cause health problems, such as stomach pain / ear problems / headache... I am afraid of flying. / I feel sick on board a plane.

● What do you have to do when you travel by plane?

You must be at the airport two hours before the plane leaves, check in your luggage, go through security... If you bring extra baggage, you are charged an extra baggage fee.

● What are the advantages and disadvantages of going by car / driving a car?

It allows you to travel when and where you want. You can stop when you want / bring (take) lots of luggage / listen to your music as loudly as you like / change your mind about your destination... The disadvantages / drawbacks of going by car are that you have to find a place to park / can get stuck in a traffic jam...

● What do you have to do if you have your own vehicle?

If you have a car, you have to repair it when it breaks down, pay for insurance, fill it with petrol (*BrE*) / gas (*AmE*)... If you want to use the turnpike / motorway (*BrE*) / highway (*AmE*)..., you have to pay a toll / for a highway sticker. If you want to ride a motorbike you must wear a helmet, protective clothing like a special jacket, trousers and gloves. If you have a bicycle, you have to wear a helmet / find somewhere to lock it up...

● What are the advantages and disadvantages of public transport?

For many people, public transportation is more economical / convenient than going by car. Using public transport rather than driving alone is better for the environment. The disadvantages of public transport are that you are limited by the time schedule of the transport company / it could be crowded with other people...

● What do you have to do when travelling by public transport?

To travel by any form / means of public transport you need a valid ticket or some type of monthly / seasonal / annual pass. Tickets for buses / trams... are valid for a zone and / or time period. Journeys / trips on trains / buses... can be either on a single / one-way or return ticket. If you are a student / pensioner you can receive a discount / concession.

● How should we behave on public transport?

There are usually signs posted on the train / bus / tram... telling passengers not to do certain things, such as not to talk loudly / wear dirty clothes / share one seat with another person / open windows... If there are no seats left, you should offer your seat to an elderly or handicapped / disabled person, a small child or a pregnant woman. Smoking is forbidden on all public means of transport.

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