What types / <u>means</u> of transport are there?

Transport (*BrE*) / Transportation (*AmE*) can be private or public / by land, air or sea. Private transport can include cars, trucks (*AmE*) / lorries (*BrE*), vans, motorbikes (*BrE*) / motorcycles (*AmE*), mopeds, bicycles, scooters... Public land transport includes trams / underground / tube (*BrE*) / subway (*AmE*) / metro / trains... Public air travel means aeroplanes (*BrE*) / airplanes (*AmE*) or helicopters. Sea transport for people includes ferries, ocean liners, yachts, riverboats / 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 / bus / train ... Sometimes I ride a bike because it is quick / cheap / environmentally friendly...

When travelling around the country / abroad, I prefer to go by train / <u>coach</u> / plane... because it's comfortable / cheap / safe... I've never ridden a horse / flown in a hot-air balloon... but I <u>would</u> like to one day. I don't want to travel on a yacht / on an ocean liner because I would get <u>seasick</u> / I am afraid of boats / that the ship might <u>sink</u>.

• What is good and bad about long--<u>distance</u> travel by bus / coach / train?

Buses / coaches / trains are cheaper / faster / more comfortable / more environmentally friendly than flying. On a bus or train you can enjoy the <u>scenery</u>... To take a bus / coach instead of a car / plane can help <u>reduce pollution</u>. On a train you can have a short walk and eat something in the buffet car and there is also more space for your legs.

• What is good or bad about travelling / flying by plane?

Plane travel is fast and quite comfortable... it is not very ecological... To get on the plane takes quite a long time... Airports are usually quite far from the city / check-in can be very long / your flight can be <u>cancelled</u> or there can be delays. You can have health problems during the flight, such as ear problems / get airsick on <u>board</u>. Your luggage can get lost.

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

You must be at the airport about two hours before the plane leaves / check in your luggage / choose your seat, go through the security... If you have extra <u>baggage</u>, you will have to pay an <u>excess</u> baggage <u>fee</u>.

• What is good / bad about going by car? What do you have to do?

You can travel when and where you want... You can stop when you want / take (bring) lots of luggage / listen to your music as loud as you like / change the <u>destination</u>. You can get <u>stuck</u> in a traffic jam / have problems finding a place to park. You have to repair the car when it breaks down / fill it with petrol (*BrE*) or gas (*AmE*) / buy a motorway (*BrE*) or highway (*AmE*) <u>sticker</u> / pay a <u>toll</u>.

What is good / bad about travelling by moped / motorcycle / bike / <u>scooter</u>?

You can easily park it anywhere / can get through traffic jams. You have to wear a helmet and be more careful in busy traffic. It is not very comfortable in bad weather. You have to wear special <u>protective</u> clothing. If you have a bicycle, you have to find somewhere to <u>lock</u> it up. You can carry a bike into a shop or café. You can travel with a bike / scooter on the metro / train.

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

You need a <u>valid</u> ticket or a monthly / <u>season</u> / <u>annual</u> pass. Tickets for buses / trams... are valid for one zone / time period. For trains / <u>coaches</u> you can buy a one-way or return ticket. If you are a student or <u>pensioner</u>, you can get a discount.

