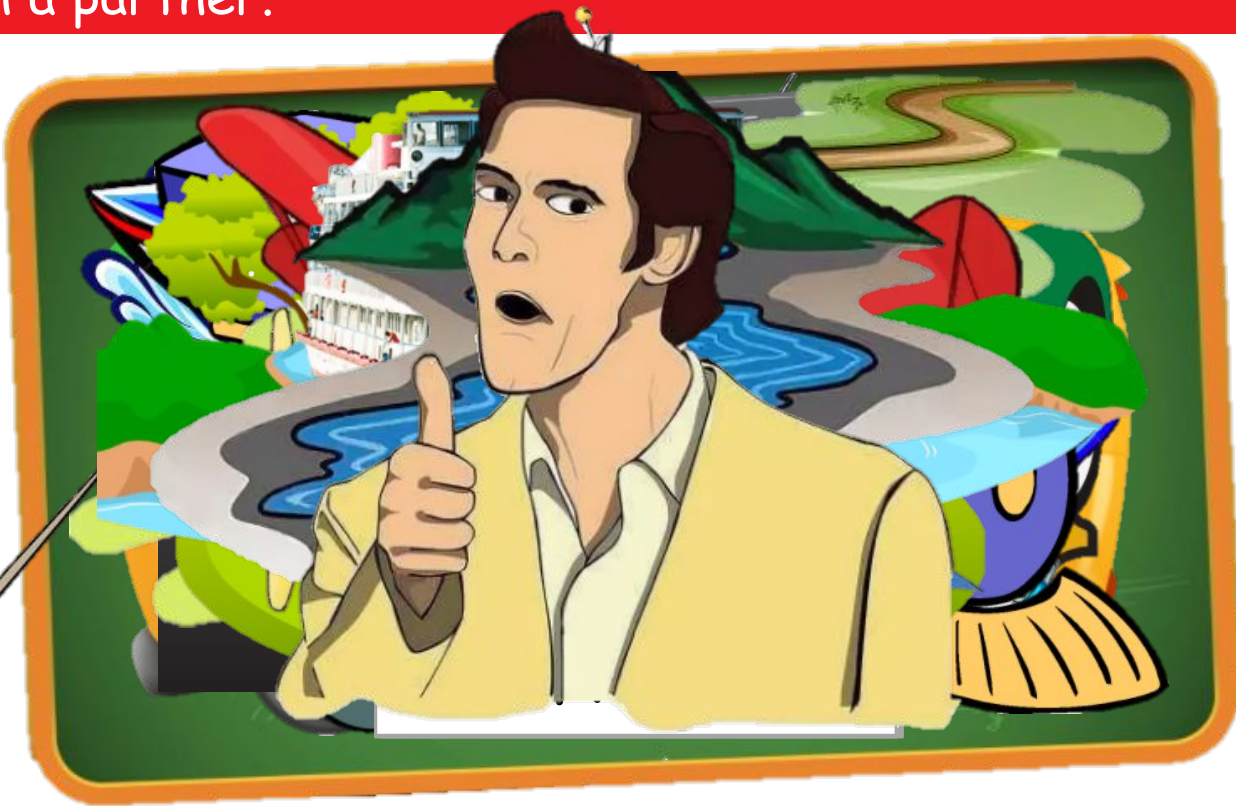


Green transport



Spend one minute writing down as many words related to transport as you can. Compare with a partner.



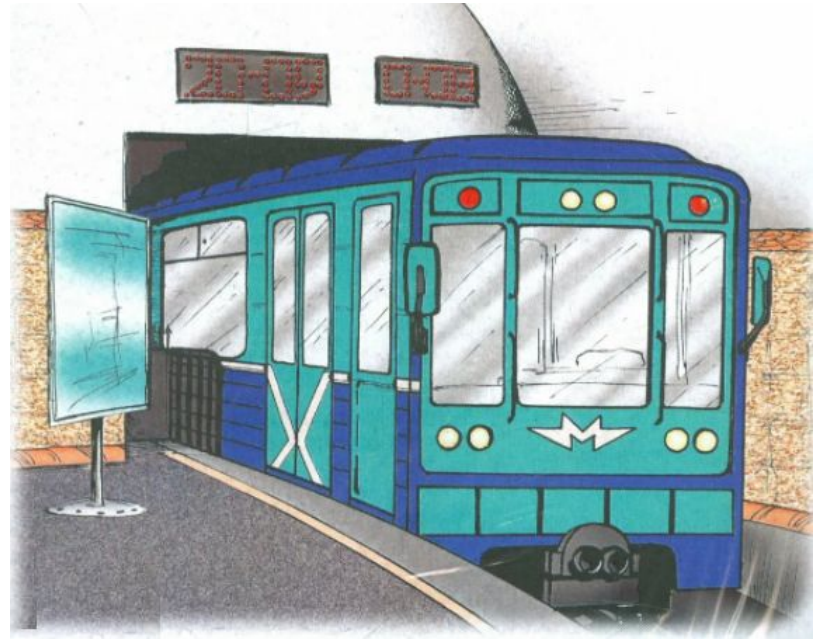


Are roads/streets in your town/city crowded? When?




Discuss the questions.

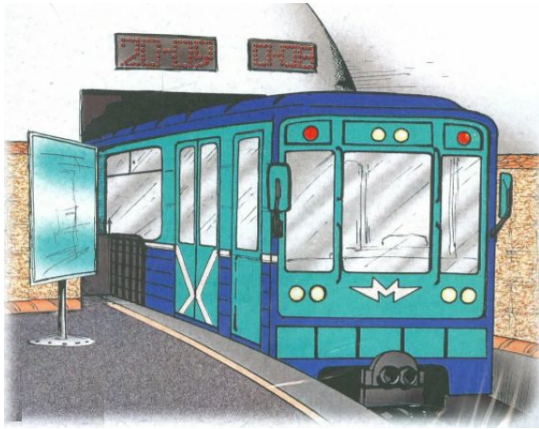
What public transport is there in your town/city? When does it run?




Discuss the questions.



Which means of public transport do you and your family members use? How do you find it: e.g. cheap, expensive, crowded, efficient, etc.?





Does your town/city have any programmes such as the ones below to reduce traffic? Have they been successful?

- increasing public transport e.g. *trams, underground trains*
- increasing cycle lanes
- making carpooling*/bus/taxi lanes
- banning cars from the town/city centre
- making drivers pay to drive into/park in the city centre

*many people driving to work/school in the same car



What do the pictures in the article show? Which of the features below, belong to each type of transport?

*wheels *a windscreen *windscreen wipers *seats *pedals
*handlebars *a basket *headlights *a steering wheel

A



A 3-wheeled car



B



Some bicycles



C



A boat



Read the text. Decide which of the statements are True, False or Not stated, meaning that you can't give a clear answer to them.

RIVER TAXIS



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and everyone from tourists to businessmen in suits gets around the city on two wheels!

sport

Text 1

Text 2

Text 3

Text 4

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Match the words in bold with their meanings below. Use five of them to make sentences about green transport.

cover	individual design
where you are going	available to rent
as you go	hood
unique pattern	run on
very popular	destination
there to borrow	a huge hit
ticket	the authorities
matching jacket and trousers	pass
people in power	hop off
get off quickly	on the way
are powered by	suits

Fill the gaps.

- 1 Cars that natural gas are environmentally friendly.
- 2 Custom-made cars have an to suit your personal taste.
- 3 When it's sunny, Max lets down the of his sports car.
- 4 Electric cars have become in North America.
- 5 Bicycles are now around numerous European cities.
- 6 My monthly bus saves me lots of money.
- 7 If your is near, maybe you should walk.
- 8 are the normal dress code for bank workers.
- 9 People who drop litter should be reported to .

- 10 With this special 24-hour ticket, you can hop on and buses anywhere in the city.
- 11 We should car pool because your office is to mine.

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Find phrasal verbs in the text which mean: *collect* (text B), *travel around* (text B), *think of* (text C).

GET ON YOUR BIKE!



If you go to Paris, don't be surprised if you see a lot of people riding grey bikes with metal baskets on the front up the Champs Elysees. Since the year 2007 there have been thousands of bikes available to rent on the streets of Paris. The idea is simple – you buy a cheap pass for a day or a week, pick up a bike from one of 750 'docking stations', ride it to your destination and then put it back at another docking station. Traffic is down, noise is down, pollution is down, parking is much easier and everyone from tourists to businessmen in suits gets around the city on two wheels!

collect

travel around

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think of

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Listen and read the texts. How have the means of transport in the class.



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Text 1

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Text 3

Text 4



Take part in a telephone survey and give answers to the questions. You

The trains are fast and comfortable but the bus service can be slow and unreliable.

EA: Hello! It's the electronic assistant of The Ministry of Transport. We need to find out how young people feel about transport in their region. Please

My city gets a lot of traffic in the centre, especially at peak times. Also, there aren't any cycle lanes so sometimes there are accidents.

EA: What are the main traffic problems in your town or city?

I use the bus every day to go to school. Sometimes I use the train to go into the city centre.

S:

EA: Which ones do you use and how often?

S:

EA: How satisfactory are they?

S:

EA: Can you suggest any programmes to reduce traffic problems in your own town or city?

S:

EA: That is the end of the survey. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

We should definitely have more cycle lanes so that cyclists can ride in safety. I also think it would be a good idea to improve the existing bus service so that more people would be encouraged to leave their cars at home.

Read the quote. What do you think H.G. Wells meant by this? Do you agree with him? Discuss in groups.

GREEN wisdom

"Every time I see an adult on a bicycle, I no longer despair for the future of the human race."

H.G. Wells, English author (1866-1946)

It means he was happy to see that someone respected the environment enough to not add to the pollution problem. I agree with him and I would like to see everyone do their part in saving our environment.

