Vocabulary and reading

Transport

1 Look at the photos. Which types of transport in the box can you see?

- a car
- a bus
- a train
- a tram
- a bicycle
- an underground train
- a plane
- a taxi
- a scooter
- a ferry
- a motorbike

2a Put the types of transport in order, from fast to slow.

1 plane

b Work in pairs and compare your answers.

3 Work in pairs and discuss. How do these people usually travel in your town?

- schoolchildren
- students
- business people
- old people
- police officers

Schoolchildren usually go on foot, but they sometimes go by bus or by car.
things you didn’t know about world travel

Did you know that …

1 In the USA, 74% of people drive a car. In Japan, it’s 59%; and in Germany, it’s ______% The average American family owns 1.9 cars.

2 More than 100 million people in the world ride a bicycle. About a third of these people are in China. In the Netherlands, about 30% of people choose to ride a bicycle. But in the USA, it’s only about ______%.

3 In Italy, a country of 60 million people, ______ people have scooters. In Rome, 500,000 people ride scooters, so they can get about easily in the city traffic.

4 In Italy, the average journey to work is about 25 minutes; and in the USA, it’s about 32 minutes. In Great Britain, it’s about ______ minutes – that’s nearly 200 hours a year travelling to and from work.

5 Every day, more than ______ people travel into the centre of London: 77% take a bus or train, about 20% drive and only 3% walk to work.

6 There are over ______ underground train systems in the world, including those in Paris, Shanghai, Mexico City, Seoul, Moscow, Madrid and Tokyo.

7 The London Underground, or the ‘Tube’, has ______ stations. Over 1,000 million passengers use the Tube every year.

8 The underground train system in Tokyo is very efficient: people usually wait no more than ______ minutes for a train. The only problem is that it’s sometimes difficult to get on or off a train because they’re often very crowded.

9 The two busiest international airports are Hartsfield–Jackson Airport in Atlanta, USA, with 71 million passengers every year, and Beijing Capital International Airport, with ______. That means about 160 people fly to Atlanta every minute.

4a Work in pairs. Read the article and discuss. Which numbers go in the gaps?

| 2 | 5 | 53 | 160 | 45 |
| 270 | 1 million | 9 million | 60 million |

b 5.1 Listen and check.

5a Choose the correct answers.

1 drive / ride a car  
2 drive / ride a bicycle  
3 drive / ride a scooter  
4 take / go a bus or train  
5 walk to / for work  
6 wait to / for a bus or train  
7 get on / in a bus or train  
8 get out / off a bus or train  
9 fly in / to the airport

b Read the article again and check your answers.

6a Look at the statements below. Which are true for your town or city? Correct the false statements.

1 Most people drive small cars.  
2 People always wait in a queue to get on a bus.  
3 People often fly from one city to another.  
4 Not many people walk to the shops.  
5 A lot of people ride bicycles to work.  
6 Traffic is a problem all day.  
7 Buses are very crowded.  
8 Taxis drive very slowly.  
9 Trains and buses are very cheap.  
10 A lot of people ride scooters in the city centre.

b Work in pairs and compare your sentences.
Vocabulary
Travelling

1 Work in pairs. Look at the photos of Hong Kong and discuss.
• What different forms of transport can you see?
• Do you think it is easy to travel about in Hong Kong?

2a Work in pairs and discuss.
• How often do you travel by plane?
• Do you like/dislike travelling by plane?
• Do you like/dislike spending time at airports?

b Read sentences a–j and put them in the correct order. Make sure you understand the words in bold.

a You go through security.

b You decide to fly somewhere for the weekend.

c Finally, you board the plane.

d You book your ticket online.

e You go to the check-in desk with your luggage.

f Your flight is delayed so you wait in the departure lounge.

g They take your luggage and give you a boarding pass.

h You go to the airport and look for ‘Departures’.

i You arrive at your destination and go through immigration control.

j You look at the screens for your flight and gate number.

c Listen and check.

3 Work in pairs and discuss.
• How can you buy tickets for bus, train or plane travel? How often do you do this?
• What do you like/dislike about travelling on buses, trains and ferries?
• Can you travel to foreign destinations by bus or train from where you live? Which do you prefer? Why?

Grammar focus 1
can/can’t: possibility and ability

1a Work in pairs and discuss. What do you usually do when you have a long wait for a bus, train or plane?

b Read the webpage below. Which of your ideas from exercise 1a does it mention?

Travel forum – any questions

Question

GiorgioX: My girlfriend and I want some advice about our trip to Thailand via Hong Kong. Does anyone know about Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)? We have a stopover of eight hours there.

Answers

JJB99: HKIA is really amazing! Traveller magazine says it’s the world’s number one airport, and I can see why. I love it! You can fly direct to more than 160 destinations worldwide from there. But also, it’s got great facilities – you can go shopping in the many different shops and you can visit the huge number of restaurants. Some restaurants are open 24 hours.

My advice is: enjoy your time shopping and eating!

HarryH: You have an eight-hour stopover, so you’ve got time for leisure, and maybe sleep! Take your computer, because you can use the free Wi-Fi 24-7. Also, you can play various sports, including golf at the nine-hole golf course near Terminal 1! With all the possibilities, you can’t get bored. But, if you get tired, remember you can’t sleep in Terminal 1 – but you can sleep in one of the special lounges for a small fee.

TimeFlies: Hi! I’m in HKIA now! This airport is really big and has everything you need. In most airports, you can’t smoke … and there is no smoking in Terminal 1. But you can smoke in the special smoking lounges in Terminal 2.
From A to B

Listen to Mei Ling talking about things you can and can’t do in Hong Kong. Tick the things you can do. Cross the things you can’t do.

- travel by tram
- eat and drink on the underground trains
- find a seat easily on the underground trains
- find a taxi quickly
- use a special travel card on all public transport
- buy food and drink with the special travel card

Work in pairs and take turns. Ask and answer questions about a town or city you know, using the ideas in exercise 2. Add two more questions of your own.

Can you travel by tram in your town?

No, you can’t.

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My name is Ignacio and I’m 27 years old. I live with my family in a house in Mexico City, the capital city of Mexico. It’s a fantastic city, but we have a real problem with traffic. Most people come to work by car, so it’s very busy in the morning when they come into the city centre and in the evening when they go home. I’m an engineer and I work for an international company, from nine to five, Monday to Friday. I have a company car and my journey to work takes about 40 minutes. I also use my car at the weekend when I play football with my friends.

Grammar focus 2
Articles: a/an, the and no article

1 Read about Ignacio and answer the questions.
   1 Where does Ignacio live?
   2 What’s his job?
   3 What does he do at the weekend?

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the rules about articles with the, a/an or – (no article). Look at the words in bold in exercise 1a to help you.
   1 We use _______
      - with jobs.
      - with a singular noun to mean ‘one’.
   2 We use _______
      - when there is one of something (e.g. the capital city of Mexico).
      - with parts of the day (e.g. in the morning).
      - with names of some countries (e.g. the USA).
      - with some phrases (e.g. at the weekend, on the left).
   3 We use _______
      - with names of people.
      - with most names of cities/countries.
      - with by and a type of transport (e.g. by car).
      - with some phrases (e.g. at home, to work, nine to five).
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1a Choose the correct answer: a, an, the or – (no article).

1 I live in the / – Dublin. It’s a / the capital city of – / the Ireland.
2 This is my cousin. Her name is the / – Lucia and she’s a / an actor.
3 I’d like to study English in – / the USA or in – / the UK.
4 He goes to the / – work by a / – bus, from – / the Monday to – / the Friday.
5 I work in a / – shop from the / – ten to the / – four at the / – weekend.
6 She likes staying at the / – home in the / – evening and watching TV.

b Listen and check.

2a Write full answers to the questions.

1 Where do you live?
2 Where does your family come from?
3 What is your job?
4 How do you travel to school or work?
5 What other ways can you travel to school or work?
6 What is your favourite day of the week? Why?
7 What is your favourite time of day? Why?
8 During the week, what do you usually do in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening?
9 At the weekend, what do you usually do in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening?

b Check your answers. Are the articles correct?

c Work in pairs and take turns. Ask and answer questions 1–9.

3a Look at the quiz and complete the gaps with a, an, the or – (no article).

b Work in pairs. Look at the words in bold in the quiz. Are statements 1–7 true (T) or false (F)?

c Check your answers on page 133. Which information is the most surprising?

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Mexico Quiz
TRUE OR FALSE?

1 Mexico has got borders with three other countries: _____ Guatemala, _____ Costa Rica and _____ USA.
2 The national language is _____ Portuguese, but many people understand _____ English, especially in tourist areas and near the borders.
3 The population of Mexico City, including the surrounding area, is about 18 million.
4 There are _____ lot of traffic problems, so from _____ Monday to _____ Friday you can only drive your car into the city centre four times.
5 Many Mexicans travel around by _____ taxi.
   The traditional colours for taxis in city centre are green and gold.
6 Offices are usually open in Mexico City from 7.00 in _____ morning to 7.00 in _____ evening.
7 There are many famous Mexicans. For example:
   • Thalia: she’s _____ businesswoman.
   • Carlos Slim Helú: he’s _____ singer.
   • Salma Hayek: she’s _____ actor.

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From A to B | 05
Do a transport survey

Preparation Reading and listening

1a Work in pairs and discuss.
   • Which photo shows a cycle-sharing scheme?
   • Which city does it show?

b Read the text below and answer the questions.
   1 How many bicycles does London’s cycle-sharing scheme have?
   2 What is the popular name for the scheme?
   3 Why do people call it that?
   4 How much does it cost to use a bicycle for 30 minutes?
   5 What is the record number of journeys in one day using the scheme?

London’s cycle-sharing scheme started in 2010. The scheme covers a large area of London, with over 8,000 bicycles and 570 stations to keep them in. For a small amount of money, you can take a bicycle from one station and cycle to your destination. You then leave the bicycle in another station. The popular name for the bicycles is ‘Boris Bikes’, after Boris Johnson, who was the Mayor of London at that time.

One of the main aims of the scheme is to reduce the number of cars and buses on the roads. Every day, thousands of people use Boris Bikes to make short journeys around the city, especially as it is free for less than 30 minutes and £1 for one hour. The record number of journeys in one day is over 47,000 – during the London 2012 Olympics.

2 Work in pairs and discuss.
   • Would you like to use Boris Bikes as a tourist in London? Why / Why not?
   • Do you know any other cities that have cycle-sharing schemes?
   • Can you think of any disadvantages of schemes like this?

3a Look at the transport survey. Write full questions using the prompts in brackets.

b Write your own question 8, with possible answers a–e.

4a Listen to a student answering the questions in the transport survey. Choose the correct answers in the survey.

b Listen again and tick the phrases you hear in the Useful language box (parts a and b).

Task Speaking

1 Look again at the questions in the survey. Make a note of your answer to each question. Ask your teacher for any words/phrases you need.

> Useful language a and b
How do you travel ... ?

1. (How / travel / to school or work every day?)
   a. by bus
   b. by train
   c. by car
   d. on foot
   e. other

2. (How long / your journey / take?)
   a. 1–10 minutes
   b. 10–20 minutes
   c. 20–45 minutes
   d. 45 minutes +

3. (How far / walk / every week?)
   a. 0–5 km
   b. 6–10 km
   c. 10–15 km
   d. more than 15 km

4. (Which of these things / can / do?)
   a. drive a car
   b. ride a bike
   c. ride a scooter
   d. drive a van

5. (How often / travel by car?)
   a. every day
   b. once a week or less
   c. several times a week
   d. never

6. (How often / use public transport?)
   a. every day
   b. often, but not every day
   c. once a week or less
   d. never

7. (What / think of / public transport in your town?)
   a. excellent
   b. good
   c. OK
   d. not good
   e. don’t know

8. a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
   e. 

SHARE YOUR TASK

2a. Work in pairs and take turns. Ask and answer the questions in the survey. Make a note of your partner’s answers.

b. Work in groups. Tell other students about your partner’s answers to the survey.

> Useful language c
Find out first

1a Work in pairs. Look at the photos and discuss. Which famous places in the box can you see? Do you know any other famous places in London?

Canary Wharf  London City Airport
Tower Bridge  the River Thames
Kew Bridge

b Read about the famous places below. Try to guess the correct answers.

**London landmarks**

- The River Thames goes from the west of England, through London and to the sea – a distance of 246 km / 346 km.
- Kew Bridge is in West London. It’s about 110 / 180 years old.
- Tower Bridge is a famous tourist attraction in London. It is next to the Houses of Parliament / Tower of London.
- Canary Wharf is an important business centre / shopping centre in East London.
- London City Airport is a large / small airport in East London.

c Go online to check your answers or ask your teacher.

Search: Thames length / Kew Bridge opened / London City Airport / Tower Bridge / Canary Wharf

View

2a You are going to watch a video about a race across London. Before you watch, check you understand the meaning of the words/phrases in the glossary.

**GLOSSARY**

- *rush hour*  the time when people travel to/from work
- *speed limit*  the maximum kilometres per hour you can travel
- *Top Gear*  a popular UK TV programme about cars

b Watch the video. Complete the table with the type of transport each presenter uses in the box below. Then number the presenters (1–4) in the order they finish the race.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of transport</th>
<th>James</th>
<th>Richard</th>
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<th>Jeremy</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>bicycle</td>
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<td>speedboat</td>
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<td>car</td>
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<td>public transport</td>
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3 Watch again and complete the gaps with the numbers in the box.

1 The distance from Kew Bridge to London City Airport: 

2 The speed limit on the River Thames in Central London:

3 Jeremy’s speed at Tower Bridge:

4 James’s speed in Central London:
World view

4a Look at the statements below. Tick the ones that are true for you.

- Cycling is a popular sport in my country.
- I like Formula One racing.
- Camel racing is a popular sport in my country.
- There is a marathon in my city every year.
- You can watch horse racing on TV in my country.
- Public transport is very cheap in my country.
- A lot of people use bicycles to get to work in my country.

b Work in pairs and compare your answers.

5a Look at the famous races in the box below. What do you know about them?

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<th>Famous Race</th>
<th>Details</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tour de France</td>
<td>University Boat Race</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New York City Marathon</td>
<td>Dubai World Cup</td>
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<tr>
<td>Monaco Grand Prix</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

b Go online to find out more about each race and answer the questions.

1 What kind of race is it?
2 Where does it happen?
3 When does it happen?
4 Who was the last winner?

Search: [name of race] + date/winner

Write up your research

6 Write about one of the races you researched. Use the prompts below to help you.

The ________ (name of race) is a ________ (type of race) race.

The race happens in ________ (month/months) in ________ (name of town/city).

I am (not) interested in this race because ________.

7 Write about another famous race, either in your country or in another country. Use the prompts in exercise 6 to help you.

AFTER UNIT 5 YOU CAN ...

Talk about things you can and can’t do.

Give your opinion about transport where you live.

Ask and answer questions about your transport and travel arrangements.

Research famous races online.