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Reading

Classification

When you classify, you group words into a category, according to the way in which they are alike.

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Travel at home and abroad

1 Travel takes place in many different ways. The most common ways of travelling at home are by mail boat, airplane, bus or jitney, car, bicycle and motorbike. Horse and carriages are also used, but mainly by tourists. Airplanes, cruise ships, trains and sometimes cars are used to travel abroad.

2 Travelling can be fun if you have all the necessary documents, good companions and are well prepared and punctual for your trip. A schedule helps you to be punctual and informed during your travelling. There may be some delays when you are travelling, so having some snacks handy may be wise.

Goods being loaded on to a mail boat

3 At home, the mail boat system is the most vital form of inter-island transportation. The name 'mail boat' was originally given to these vessels because they were used to transport mail between the islands. They served as a connection between the capital of Nassau and all the Family Islands. Today mail boats still play a major role in Bahamian transportation as they are used to transport people as well as freight to the various islands. Freight can include groceries, vehicles, machinery and other personal possessions.

4 Travel by airplane is also a necessity in The Bahamas. Most major islands in The Bahamas are equipped with airstrips, some of which can accommodate international flights along with inter-island flights. The most frequently used airports are Nassau International Airport on New Providence and Freeport International Airport on Grand Bahama. To travel between the islands by airplane, some form of picture identification is needed such as a passport or voter's card. To travel abroad by sea or air you would need a valid passport, a police record or a visa.

5 There are several government agencies that assist in obtaining documents needed for travelling abroad. Two of these are the Passport Office where you can apply for a passport and the Police Department where you can obtain a police record. You can also visit the embassies of foreign countries to apply for a visa. A visa is a document that gives you permission to visit another country. There is a cost for obtaining passports, police records and visas.

6 In the past, the only places visited by most Bahamians were Miami and Orlando, Florida. Now however, more Bahamians are travelling all over the world for business and pleasure. Travelling is definitely a favourite pastime of Bahamians.

Classify the following words by putting them under the correct category on the chart below.

air plane **visa** **Miami** **passport** **mail boat** **Orlando**

Travel Documents	Parts of Florida	Modes of Travel
	Fort Lauderdale	
		cruise ship
police record		

Use the passage to help you complete the answer to each question below.

1. What can help you be punctual and informed while traveling?

A _____ helps you be punctual and informed while traveling.

2. Why might it be wise to travel with some snacks?

It may be wise to travel with snacks in case there are _____.

3. Why was the mail boat originally given its name?

The mail boat was originally given its name because it was used to _____

mail between islands.

4. What is a visa?

A visa is a _____ that gives you permission to visit another country.