



LESSON SUMMARY

Vocabulary

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Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
frequent (adj) /'fri:kwənt/	common or happening often	He is a frequent visitor to the museum.
comfortable (adj) /'kʌmftəbl/	giving a pleasant feeling or not causing physical problems	Comfortable seats are available on Bus 5.
reliable (adj) /rɪ'læəbl/	dependable, or able to be trusted	The car rental service in the area is reliable .
ticket (n) /'tɪkɪt/	a piece of paper or a card that allows you to get on a bus or pass through a gate	A return ticket to the island is not available now.
eco-friendly (adj) /j:ku: 'frendli/	not harmful to the environment	The eco-friendly bus service in the city starts on January 1 st .
public (adj) /'pʌblɪk/	available for people to use	Some people don't feel comfortable using public transportation.
convenient (adj) /kən'venɪənt/	near or easy for people to get to or use	Our new apartment is very convenient for the children.

Grammar

Comparison with (not) as/so ... as

Usage

to show how similar things are

Form

as + adj + as

Example

New train stations are as convenient as the old ones.

to show how different things are

not as/so + adj + as

Buses are not as/so comfortable as taxis.



Pronunciation

Pronouncing the consonant clusters with **st** CD2 15

/st/

• star /stɑ:r/

• start /sta:t/

Pronouncing **/k/** and **/s/** CD2 16**/k/**

- carton /'kɑ:tən/
- clue /klu:/
- crop /krap/

/s/

- cycle /'saɪkəl/
- circle /'sɜ:rkəl/
- circus /'sɜ:rkəs/

PRACTICE



Pronunciation

a. Circle the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

1 A clear

B eco-friendly

C recycle

D suitcase

2 A public

B evidence

C comfortable

D convenient

b. Circle the word that has a stress pattern different from the others.

3 A public

B pleasant

C upset

D frequent

4 A classical

B reliable

C convenient

D delighted

5 A fantastic

B excited

C dramatic

D comfortable

Vocabulary

a. Complete the sentences using the words from the boxes.

ticket

reliable

comfortable

public

eco-friendly

1 These means of _____ transportation are popular with everyone.

2 You have to show your _____ before getting on the train.

3 People prefer using these _____ vehicles to protect their health and the environment.

4 You should stay in this _____ bed to have a good sleep.

5 Katha Airlines is one of the most _____ airlines because it is rarely late.

b. Complete the sentences using the correct forms of the words in brackets.

6 I'll pay for our movie _____.

(TICKET)

7 The students have a _____ ride to the countryside every weekend.

(FREQUENCY)

8 Traveling by bus is not as _____ as traveling by motorbike.

(COMFORT)

9 Traveling by bus is not always _____ because buses might be late during rush hours.

(RELY)

10 Traveling by train in this country is _____. Train stations are everywhere. (CONVENIENCE)

Grammar

a. Fill in the blanks with **(not) as/so ... as**.

1 The subway is _____ the bus.

(not/frequent)

2 Bicycles are _____ motorbikes in Vietnam.

(not/popular)

3 The old motorbike is _____ the new motorbike.

(not/eco-friendly)

4 The blue car is _____ the red car.

(fast)

5 Bus tickets are _____ train tickets.

(not/expensive)

b. Choose the best options.

6 Traveling by train is _____ by plane.

A as comfortable B comfortable as C not as comfortable as D not comfortable

7 Buses to Ayun Hq Lake are _____ those in the city.

A as frequent B frequent as C as frequent as D not frequent

8 On rainy days, a bicycle is _____ a bus.

A not reliable B as reliable not C as not reliable as D not as reliable as

9 Getting around a city by car is _____ by motorbike.

A as convenient as B not as convenient C not convenient as D as convenient

10 Traveling by taxi is _____ by bus.

A as not cheap as B not as cheap as C as not cheap D not as cheap

Reading

a. Read the text about means of transport. Give short answers to the questions.



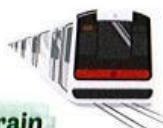
By plane

Traveling by plane is convenient because it allows us to save time. A regular passenger airplane can travel 600 kilometers for just about an hour. Although air travel is fast, the waiting time before departure can be a problem. An airplane ticket could be expensive, too.



By car

Driving is not as fast as flying. It can take a driver about 17 hours to travel 600 kilometers. That's too long for a drive. Although it is not as comfortable as going by air, driving can be a great experience on a long journey. You can stop by a place you like or even stay as long as you want to.



By train

Trains can be as convenient as planes. Although traveling by train is not as fast as traveling by airplane, a train can be reliable. Trains don't often go through the city center, so they rarely get into traffic jams. Besides, trains usually go through beautiful countryside, so passengers can relax and enjoy themselves with a fantastic view.



By motorbike

Going by motorbike cannot be as comfortable as driving, but a motorbike can be as reliable as a car or even an airplane. A young Vietnamese man started to travel the world only on his motorbike. He visited 50 countries and returned to Vietnam in June 2017.

- 1 How far can a typical passenger airplane fly in an hour?
- 2 What might be a problem when traveling by airplane?
- 3 How long would it take to travel 600 kilometers by car?
- 4 What can a passenger experience when traveling by train?
- 5 How many countries did the man visit on his motorcycle?

b. Read the text about traveling in Hong Kong. Write **Y** (yes), **N** (no) or **NG** (not given).

GETTING AROUND IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong is a great place to visit because there is a lot to see and do. Although it is an island, Hong Kong has a convenient transport system. So, exploring the city is not a problem.

★ BUSES

Most buses are double-deckers. A double-decker is a two-floor bus. A bus ticket costs from HK\$2.70 (\$0.34) to HK\$58 (\$7.39), depending on at which station you want to get off. Hong Kong buses are frequent and reliable. Usually, a bus leaves every eight or twelve minutes.



★ MTR (Mass Transit Railway)

The Mass Transit Railway is popular in Hong Kong, so getting around the city is very convenient. Hong Kong MTR has 10 lines, with over 90 stations. An MTR leaves every two or four minutes, from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. the next morning. People can use Octopus Cards or Tourist Day passes to pay for tickets.



★ TAXIS

Hong Kong taxis are very convenient but expensive. Red Taxis (in the cities), Green Taxis (in the New Territories), and Blue Taxis (on Lantau Island) are here, there, and everywhere in Hong Kong. Uber is also a great option.

- 6 All buses in Hong Kong are double-deckers.
- 7 Hong Kong buses leave at 8:00 or at noon.
- 8 Hong Kong MTR is easy for everyone to use.
- 9 People can use the MRT using Octopus Cards.
- 10 Taxis in Hong Kong are difficult to take.



Speaking

Complete the conversation using the sentences in the box. There is one extra sentence.

Jane How can we travel to Nha Trang from Ho Chi Minh City?

Thảo 1) _____

Jane How long does it take if we travel by train?

Thảo 2) _____

Jane That's a long time. How about the bus?

Thảo 3) _____

Jane How much is a train ticket?

Thảo 4) _____

Jane I think it's better to go by train. It's not so cheap as bus, but it's safer and faster.

Thảo 5) _____

Jane I can't wait for the trip.

A It takes about 8 hours.

B Alright. I'll book two bus tickets.

C OK. Let's book two tickets.

D It takes more than 9 hours. It's slower than by train.

E Well, we can take the train or the bus.

F It's about \$50. Going by bus is not as expensive as going by train; it's only \$20.



Writing

a. Rewrite the sentences without changing their meanings using **(not) as/so...as**.

1 My bag is bigger than yours.

2 Your suitcase is newer than mine.

3 Traveling by plane and train are both safe.

4 Bicycles are slower than motorbikes.

5 A subway ticket is more expensive than a bus ticket.

b. Compare the means of transport. Use **(not) as/so...as** and the given adjectives or adverbs.



	cheap	expensive	fast	slow
Bus			Taxi	
Cost		5,000 dong		Motorbike taxi
Travel time		30 minutes	20 minutes	50,000 dong
6				
7				
8				
9				
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Answer Key



- Pronunciation ____ /10 pts.
- Vocabulary ____ /20 pts.
- Grammar ____ /20 pts.
- Reading ____ /20 pts.
- Speaking ____ /10 pts.
- Writing ____ /20 pts.

Total ____ / 100 pts.

