

Year 2 B2 Semester 2

Week 13: Session 1: Vocabulary Development

Vocabulary for transportation and logistics

1 Read these extracts from *Drone-free skies and Hyperloops: the fifth form of transportation*. Match the words in bold with the correct definitions.

... we have a **network** of oil pipelines all over the country, ... many of which aren't in easily **accessible** places like cities.

We use computers to **steer** the drones, which means the whole process can be controlled by a single engineer in our **headquarters**, hundreds of miles away.

... most drones these days are used for **commercial** reasons – they **distribute** parcels, or look for oil leaks in remote pipelines, or whatever.

It's just a question of getting a computer to turn the magnets on and off **rapidly** to drive the pods forward. It's quite a common form of **motor**.

- _____ (n): the part of a machine that makes it work or move
- _____ (adj): used for business purposes
- _____ (adj): easy to reach or easy to use
- _____ (n): a group of people or things that are connected
- _____ (v): to control directions a vehicle is traveling
- _____ (n) the main office of a business or an organization
- _____ (v) to deliver things from one place to many other places
- _____ (adv) quickly, with many changes in a small amount of time

Complete the questions with words from Exercise 1. Change the form if necessary.

- 1 Will the number of people working for logistics companies fall _____ over the next few years? Why? / Why not?
- 2 What are some of the main _____ uses of drones?
- 3 How do online stores _____ the products that customers buy on their websites?
- 4 Which companies have their _____ in your town or city?
- 5 Does your country have a good _____ of roads and railroads?
- 6 Apart from vehicles, what are some examples of machines that have electric _____?
- 7 How do you think people _____ drones? What about Hyperloop pods?
- 8 Which parts of your university / college are _____ to members of the public?