17/ Getting around

Words you need... 17.1

- **a car park** a place where you can leave your car
- **to change** to get off one train, bus, etc. and get onto another
- **direct** going straight from one place to another
- **a driver** someone who drives a vehicle
- **to get off (something)** to leave a bus, train, etc.
- **to get on (something)** to go onto a bus, train, etc.
- **to park (your car)** to stop your car and leave it somewhere
- **a passenger** someone who is travelling in a car but is not the driver
- **a route** the roads or paths you go on to get from one place to another
- **a seat** the thing you sit on in a bus, train, etc.
- **a seat belt** a strap that goes across your body when you are in a car, aircraft, etc.
- **traffic** the cars and other vehicles that are on a road

Exercise 1

Miriam likes to travel by train, while Guy prefers to drive. Read the statements. Write M after the ones you think Miriam made, and G after the ones you think Guy made.



1 When you are a passenger, you have time to read or listen to music. M
2 You can usually park close to the place where you are going. ____
3 Trains usually take the most direct route, so they are quick. ____
4 You have to pay a lot to leave your car in a car park. ____
5 Drivers can make all their own decisions about what time to leave, who to travel with – everything! ____
6 When you get off the train, it may still be a long way to the place where you are going. ____



Exercise 2 17.2

Listen to and read what Tina says about a journey with her boss. Are the following sentences (1–6) true (T) or false (F)?

1 Tina loves driving. F
2 There were not many other cars on the road. ____
3 Her boss was happy with the route she had chosen. ____
4 Her boss would not wear his seat belt. ____
5 She hoped they would see a police car. ____
6 She hated taking her boss with her. ____



I had to go to a meeting in Leeds with my boss, and he asked me to drive. It was terrible! I'm quite a nervous driver, and having him in the car made it worse. The traffic was awful, so I was worried we would be late. When I told my boss the route I planned to take, he said we should go a different way. I had to do what he said, but we got lost, and then he was angry with me! To make things worse, he refused to wear his seat belt because he said it was uncomfortable, so I was really worried that the police would see us. He really was the worst passenger I've ever had!

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