Intermodal Freight Transport

Reading comprehension activity

Transport is everywhere! In the air, by rail or road, on the water, by cable or pipeline and even in space – people, animals and goods are constantly on the move. Transport is fundamental both for trade between people and for establishing cultural exchanges and increasing understanding between different cultures. As a field of study transport can be divided into three categories: infrastructure, vehicles, and operations. Infrastructure for transport is all around us – from airports, railway and bus stations to warehouses, trucking terminals, refueling depots and seaports. Vehicles include automobiles, bicycles, buses, trains, trucks, people, ships, helicopters and airplanes. Operations deal with the way the vehicles are operated, and the procedures set for this purpose, including financing, legalities and policies. Passenger transport may be public or private. Freight transport is today focused on containerisation. Transport plays an important part in economic growth and globalisation, but can also cause air pollution and use large amounts of land. It is commonly heavily influenced by governments, both in terms of subsidies and planning, which is essential to make traffic flow and control urban sprawl.

1. ***Use a dictionary to find out the meaning of each word.***
2. **Rail :**
3. **Pipeline :**
4. **Trade :**
5. **Field:**
6. **Refueling depots :**
7. **Containerisation :**
8. **Growth :**
9. **Amount :**
10. **Traffic Flow:**
11. **Sprawl :**

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II. Read the text. Match the questions with the answers. Write the number.

1 What are the most common forms of transport?
2 Why is transport so important?
3 What are the most common forms of infrastructure for land-based transport?
4 Which category of transportation controls its regulations?
5 Name two problems that can result from the transport industry.
6 What areas do governments need to influence in the transport industry?

- Because it plays an important role in economic growth and globalization..
- They are by air, by land, by sea and by rail by cable and by pipeline
- They are airports, railways, bus stations, wahehouses, trucking terminal, seaports. etc
- It is Operations
- They are subsidies and planning
- They are pollution and the use of large amounts of land.

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