GREENER TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

1

Cycle Hire

See London by bicycle – it's cheaper, healthier and greener than the bus or the underground.

Bikes don't make any pollution and cycling is good for you! There are special cycle hire schemes in London and you can find bicycles at docking stations in different parts of the city. Pay by credit card at the machine in the street, get an unlocking code, choose a bicycle and start cycling! Tourists and locals all use this service and love it.

You can use the bikes for as long as you want and you can leave them at a different docking station when you finish. Cycling is the best way to see London's parks. The most popular trips by bicycle are a visit to Richmond Park to see the deer, Kensington Gardens for a picnic by the Serpentine Lake and St James's Park to see Buckingham Palace, where the Queen lives. So when you're in London, take a bike!

2

The River Bus Service

River bus services are very popular with visitors to the UK's capital. There are now six river bus routes along the River Thames. Boats leave from the special piers every 20 minutes and they travel as far as Greenwich. They're quicker than normal buses because there isn't much traffic on the river. They aren't as cheap as the underground trains but they are greener and they're certainly a nicer way to travel! A lot of boats have a café on board serving food and drink, and there are tables inside and outside.

Some of them have a commentary for tourists and this tells the tourists about the different monuments on the route, too. The views from the water are incredible. You can see all the most famous landmarks in London from the river – Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, the London Eye, Tower Bridge and many more! Why don't you try a trip on one?

1. **Answer the questions about the two texts:**

   a. What are the two advantages of riding a bike in London?

   b. Where can you find bicycles to hire in London?

c. What are the best places to see in London by bike?

d. How many bus routes are now in London?

e. Where can you take a boat from?

f. Are boats as cheap as underground trains?

g. Why are boats quicker than normal buses?

h. What famous landmarks can you see from water?

2. Translate text 1 or 2.