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READING Exercise 1

Read the article about unique ways to travel. Check the answers.



Unique Ways to Travel



If you are concerned about pollution from cars, trains, and buses, check out some old, but environmentally friendly, forms of transportation.

In Venice, Italy, people use boats called *gondolas* to get around. Gondolas are just like taxis except they travel on water instead of land. The *gondolier*, or driver, uses an oar to guide the gondola through the water. Gondoliers also sing or play a musical instrument if you pay them extra money.

In Bangkok, Thailand, the Sky Train is a popular way to travel. The Sky Train is an electric-powered train that carries people above the city. The traffic in Bangkok is very bad, so the Sky Train is the fastest and cleanest way to travel. The Sky Train can transport 50,000 people per hour, and it offers air-conditioned, clean trains to ride.

In very cold climates, people get around using sleds pulled by strong dogs. Usually, eight to ten dogs are paired up in teams of two. Then they are hooked up to a sled. The sled driver, also called the *musher*, stands on the sled and guides the dogs through the snow. While most people consider riding on a dog sled a sport, some people still use dog sleds to carry firewood or food to rural areas.



travels on the snow

Gondola

Sky train

Dog sled

travels in the air

travels on the water

a popular form of transportation in Italy

a popular form of transportation in cold areas

a popular form of transportation in Thailand

uses animals for power

uses people for power

READING Exercise 2

Read the article about unique ways to travel. Complete the sentences. Type the missing words.



- 1 A gondola is a .
- 2 Gondolas are like that travel on water.
- 3 For some extra , a gondolier sings or plays an instrument during a ride.
- 4 People in Bangkok use the Sky Train to avoid the bad on the roads.
- 5 The is powered by electricity.
- 6 The Sky Train can carry over 50,000 in an hour.
- 7 A musher, or a , usually uses eight to ten dogs to pull his or her sled.
- 8 You can use a dog sled to carry or firewood to hard-to-reach places.

