HOMEWORK

INTERMEDIATE - DAY 11

1. Reading:

Now read the introduction to the article, Race to the sun. Answer the questions with *by car, by train, or by plane*

Which journey do you think was ...?

The quickest _____ The most comfortable _____

The cheapest _____ The most convenient _____

Race to the sun

Every year thousands of British tourists travel to the South of France for their summer holiday. But what is the best way to get there, by car, train, or plane?

A British newspaper sent three of its journalists to find out. They had to travel from their homes in London to Avignon.

All three travelers set off one Saturday morning in July.

Plane journey

At 4.15 a.m. a taxi picked me up and took me 32 miles to Stansted airport. Although it was early morning, there was a lot of traffic and I arrived later than I had planned. I took my luggage to check in and asked for a window seat but the woman said there were no seat numbers.

When I got to security I saw that there was an enormous queue, I began to worry that I might miss my flight because the boarding limit is 40 minutes before take-off. I had to run to gate 48 and I arrived completely out of breath.

We boarded. Because there are no seat numbers on these flights, everybody tries to get on as quickly as they can. I sat next to a friendly Frenchman. We took off and soon I was looking down on London. There was no meal, not even coffee, but we landed 10 minutes ahead of schedule.

I only had to wait twenty minutes for my luggage. Then I walked outside into bright sunshine and waited for the bus to Avignon, about 40 kilometres away. I didn't have to wait long and the bus took 45 minutes. It was only 11.00 and I had the whole day in front of me. My ticket cost £63, and I gave the journey 5/10 for comfort and 5/10 for convenience.

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Train journey

At 7.10 a.m. I arrived at Waterloo station by taxi. It took me just 30 minutes from home. I bought the papers and walked to the platform. I got on and found my seat. As soon as we started moving, I went to find the buffet car and had a cup of coffee.

I looked out of the window. Although we were moving at 340 kilometres an hour, the journey was smooth and relatively quiet. The part where we travelled under the English Channel took just 22 minutes. Soon I was looking at the fields and farmhouses of France. The sun was shining. I closes my eyes and went to sleep.

I arrived on time! I picked up my suitcase and followed the Exit signs. It was great not to have to wait ages for my luggage or to worry about getting a bus or taxi to the city centre.

Just outside the station I looked up and saw the medieval walls of Avignon's historic city centre, It was 2.20 in the afternoon and I was just in time for a late lunch! My ticket cost £65.80, and I gave the journey 8/10 for comfort and 9/10 for convenience.

Answer these questions with T (the train) or P (the plane):

On which journey...?

1. Did the traveler have to get up earlier
2. Could the traveler have something to eat or drink
3. Was the traveler more stressed
4. Could the traveler see beautiful scenery
5. Did the traveler have a meal when he arrived
6. Did the traveler arrive earlier than expected

Which journey was ...?

1. Quicker
2. Cheaper
3. More comfortable
4. More convenient

2. Listening:



Listen to Martin talking about his journey and fill in the By car column in the chart.

London to Avignon	By plane	By train	By car
How long did it take? (from home)	5 hours 45 mins	6 hours 40 mins	
How much did it cost?	£63	£65.80	
Comfort /10	5	8	
Convenience /10	5	9	

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3. Writing: Write a paragraph (from 5-10 sentences):

Think of a town / city in your country.
How many different ways are there of getting there?
Which do you think is the best? Why?

4. How words work (How long + take)

Complete the sentences and questions with words from the list.

get (x2) take (x2) took (x2)
takes (x2) long (x2)

1 In general, the London Underground *takes* about five minutes from one stop to the next.

2 How _____ does it _____ to get to the centre by car?

3 It usually _____ him forty minutes on the bus.

4 The train _____ a long time to arrive last Saturday because it was snowing.

5 How _____ does it _____ you to _____ home in the evening?

6 It _____ me twenty minutes longer to _____ to work yesterday because of the traffic.



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