



Unit **11** TRAVELLING IN THE FUTURE

B Vocabulary & Grammar



2 Use the phrases in the box to complete the sentences.

solar-powered ships driverless car high-speed train
petrol-powered cars eco-friendly vehicles self-balancing

1. People will not drive _____ in 10 years' time because they cause pollution.
2. Riding on a _____ is more comfortable than a traditional train.
3. _____ will be greener than the ships we are using today.
4. You can relax and read if you ride in a _____.
5. _____ will certainly become popular in the near future.
6. A solowheel is fun and safe to ride. It is _____ so riders do not fall.

3 Use the words and phrases in the box to complete the passage.

hyperloop flying car autopilot function combination ideas
bullet trains public transport developing convenient

As the world's population has grown, and traffic jams have become a 'nightmare' in many big cities, scientists are researching and (1) _____ new means of transport to solve the problem. Henry Ford was one of the first to think of a (2) _____ - a car that can fly - in 1936. It is a (3) _____ of an airplane and a motorcar. Later, more new (4) _____ about cars came about, including cars that have an (5) _____ or are driverless. Scientists have also worked to develop new means of (6) _____, and skyTrans is one of their inventions. Scientists have also invented (7) _____, which are not much different from traditional trains, but are much faster, safer, and more (8) _____. They are also working on a (9) _____ system, which allows people to travel from one country to another in minutes.

4 Circle the correct word to complete each sentence. Then write down the full sentence.

1. This solowheel belongs to me. That one is (*her / hers / she*).

2. (*Me / Mine / My*) scooter is red. Hers is blue.

3. (*Ours / Our / We*) train leaves at 7 p.m.

4. Will your flight to Hong Kong be late? (*Him / He / His*) is on time.

5. The new red car is (*theirs / their / they*).



5 Choose the best answer A, B, or C to complete each sentence.

1. People _____ not choose to have their holiday on other planets because it will be very expensive.
A. won't B. might C. should
2. _____ we be able to inhabit Mars? Nobody knows for sure.
A. Will B. Should C. Might
3. It _____ take a long time for travelling by teleporter to become a reality, I think.
A. should B. will C. can
4. People _____ consider travelling by public transport to reduce traffic jams.
A. won't B. shouldn't C. should
5. Fumeless cars _____ pollute the environment like the cars we have now do.
A. will B. might C. won't

6 Put the verb in brackets in the correct form. Pay attention to positive or negative form.

In the near future, there (1. be) _____ enough land for the world's increasing population. Though skyscrapers are getting taller, there (2. be) _____ enough land to house everyone. Air pollution (3. get) _____ worse and worse. Scientists (4. look) _____ for new opportunities to live on other planets. Mars (5. become) _____ a new place for humans to live. Scientists someday (6. invent) _____ a way for us to go to Mars and return quickly. Scientists (7. plant) _____ trees on Mars to produce more oxygen. Additionally, they (8. build) _____ up hotels for holidays on Mars because there (9. be) _____ many people who want to go there. I think it (10. take) _____ a long time for this dream to come true.





D Reading

1 Read the passage and choose the correct answer A, B, or C to fill each blank.



A hoverboard can bring (1) _____ a lot of benefits. It is self-balancing so it is safe for (2) _____. It is also fun because it connects to a music speaker with a phone, so riders can enjoy music while (3) _____ on the road. It can also give riders a smooth (4) _____. It runs on electric battery. Its run time is 30 minutes but you may have to wait 2 – 3 hours for the battery to (5) _____. Because hoverboards are safe, easy to use, and inexpensive, they will (6) _____ around for long for the children to enjoy.

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|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1. A. owners | B. riders | C. players |
| 2. A. beginners | B. professionals | C. adults |
| 3. A. hovering | B. running | C. driving |
| 4. A. drive | B. ride | C. fly |
| 5. A. change | B. replace | C. charge |
| 6. A. be | B. live | C. work |

2 Read the passage and do the tasks below.

My uncle is working at a car company. His company is now developing a new flying car. The car will have solar panels on its roof and wings, and it will charge its battery as it moves. During light traffic, you can use roads. But in heavy traffic, you can use the flight mode to avoid traffic. It will be able to carry eight passengers. The car will have an autopilot function, so a driver is not needed. All passengers can relax, read books or play games while travelling.

I was worried about the safety because it is driverless, but my uncle said it will be much safer than a traditional car. It will also be more comfortable and greener because it is solar-powered.

a. Tick (✓) T (True) or F (False).

	T	F
1. The writer's father is working at a car company.		
2. The car runs on solar energy.		
3. You can use it in flight mode when roads are crowded.		
4. You have to be very careful and skillful drivers to drive this car.		
5. It will be more comfortable than a traditional car.		



3 Read the passage and do the tasks below.

Tel Aviv will be the first city in the world to have a skyTran system. This system will help the city reduce traffic congestion. Moreover, skyTran will provide a greener, less expensive, faster, and more comfortable mode of travel than cars and buses. The system has many pods and each pod has two seats. Passengers can get a pod by using a smartphone app. The pods glide along the rails above to their destination. The pods run on electricity and can travel at speeds up to 150 mph while passengers will still have a smooth ride. The system is about 70 m above the ground. The cost is higher than taking a bus but lower than taking a taxi. So, many people think it will be a perfect means of transport to replace traditional ones. The USA and many Asian countries are interested in building skyTran networks in the very near future.

a. Find in the passage the words that have a similar meaning to these words or phrases.

1. decrease	
2. more eco-friendly	
3. riders	
4. move smoothly	
5. be used instead of something	

b. What is the best title of the passage?

1. Future Modes of Travel
2. SkyTran in the USA and Asian Countries
3. SkyTran – a Future Mode of Travel



c. Choose the best answer A, B, or C.

1. One benefit of skyTran is that _____.
A. it is more expensive than a taxi trip
B. it makes cities more modern
C. it helps avoid traffic jams
2. It will be more comfortable and faster than _____.
A. a train **B.** a bus **C.** a truck
3. To get a pod, people can _____.
A. call it the same way as they call a taxi
B. use an app on their smartphones
C. go to a pod station and wait
4. The pod glides fast, and the trip is _____.
A. smooth **B.** unsafe **C.** tiring
5. The system is _____.
A. underground
B. on the ground
C. above the ground