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## READING AND WRITING

QUIZ

A Read the article.

### Better Transportation for Better Neighborhoods

Two South American cities are world leaders in transportation.

In the 1970s, Curitiba was one of Brazil's fastest-growing cities, and it had serious pollution problems. The local government started several programs to reduce people's need for cars. World-famous innovations included new, extra-large buses, special new roads for buses only, and a road system that keeps highways out of the city center. This plan has been very successful. Buses come as often as every 90 seconds, so people do not have to wait very long for them. More than 1.3 million travelers take the "bus rapid transit" system in Curitiba every day.

Bogotá, Colombia, used different ideas. Many people there wanted to build a subway system, but subways are very expensive. Instead, the city built many new roads for biking and walking only. The government bought hundreds of buses to lighten the rush hour traffic. In 2002, the city celebrated Car-Free Day, and 7 million citizens went to work without a car. And in 2014, Car-Free Day became Car-Free Week. For a city of 7 million people, this is quite an amazing accomplishment. Every Sunday, 125 kilometers of roads are closed to cars. Every weekend, up to 2 million people in Bogotá come out to enjoy the clean air and quiet in their neighborhood.

Cities around the world can learn from these examples. Better transportation improves people's lives in many different ways.

B Now complete the chart according to the information in the article. Check (✓) the correct answers.

Which city . . .	Curitiba	Bogotá	Both	Neither
1. got a new subway system?				
2. got new buses?				
3. made roads for pedestrians and cyclists only?				
4. improved its transportation system?				
5. reduced the number of people traveling by car in the city?				
6. built special new roads for buses only?				
7. got a new airport?				
8. closes some streets once a week?				

C Unscramble the words to make sentences that give transportation facts.

1. is / the country / that / The US / a third / of / the world's / has / airports

2. subway system / the city / London / that / is / world's oldest / the / has

3. Shanghai / has / the city / is / the world's / that / train / fastest

4. subway system / Seoul / biggest / the city / has the / in the world / that / is

NO CHEATING

**D** Find more information about the facts in **C** online. Answer the questions.

1. How many public airports are there in the US? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When was the London subway built? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Shanghai's super-fast train is called the Maglev. How fast does it go? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When did the first line open on the Seoul Subway System? \_\_\_\_\_

**E** Read this email to a news website. Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be      become      build      buy      decrease      do (not) let      increase      make      solve

Dear Editor,

Transportation (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a serious problem in our city. Every year, people buy more cars, and the traffic (2) \_\_\_\_\_ heavier. We must do several things to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ this problem:

- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a new train station downtown.
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the price of subway tickets.
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ modern, comfortable buses.
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the tax on new cars.
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people park their cars downtown.

These ideas can (b) \_\_\_\_\_ our city a better place to live in the future.

Sincerely,

Kim Mi-Ja

**F** Write your own email about transportation in your town or your neighborhood.

Thanks!