# 6.3 Reading and Vocabulary

## Getting around Amsterdam

**1** Complete the sentences with the words below.

bus stop  pedestrians  route  return  single
traffic jam  travel card

1 Where is the nearest *bus stop*, please? We want to go to the city centre.
2 There were so many cars in the _____ that we decided to park the car and walk.
3 My favourite bus _____ goes past the old part of the city. It's a good way to go sightseeing!
4 Do you want a _____ ticket for €3 or a _____ ticket for €5?
5 Students pay half price for a _____ and can use it for a month.
6 I want to live in a city that is safe for _____.

**2** Read the text quickly. Tick (✓) the forms of transport that are mentioned.

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| 1 ☐ | bike | 6 ☐ | metro |
| 2 ☐ | boat | 7 ☐ | motorbike |
| 3 ☐ | bus | 8 ☐ | plane |
| 4 ☐ | car | 9 ☐ | train |
| 5 ☐ | cruise ship | 10 ☐ | tram |

**3** Read the text again. Answer the questions.

1 Where can you get a travel card in Amsterdam?

2 What is one disadvantage of renting an electric boat?

3 How can people avoid the traffic jams in Amsterdam?

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Amsterdam is famous for its canals, museums and galleries. But what's the best way to travel around?

There's no need to choose just one type of transport in Amsterdam. The OV-chipkaart is a travel card which can be used on trams, buses and metros. You can buy it at tram or bus stops. You can also get a single ticket from the driver on a bus or tram if you only need to take one or two short journeys.

Amsterdam is sometimes called the 'Venice of the North'. It has around 165 canals, and the best way to explore them is by boat. There are different kinds of boats. Water buses go to all the popular attractions. If you want to go somewhere which isn't on the water bus route, there are water taxis which go everywhere. You can also rent electric boats. You can book online and you don't need a licence, but it's quite expensive. One hour costs around €60! Or you can take a sightseeing cruise to see Amsterdam from the water.

You won't see many cars in Amsterdam. A lot of roads are only open for pedestrians and car parks are very expensive. The streets are also very narrow so there isn't much space to drive.

One way to avoid the traffic jams and have fun is to cycle. Thirty-eight percent of all journeys in the city are by bike because it is both safe and easy: there are 515 kilometres of cycle lanes and plenty of places to rent bikes for an hour, a day or even for the week. Prices start from €10 per day. If you decide to cycle, make sure you know the rules; for example at night you must have lights on your bike. You should also check what hand signals to use and where you can cycle. You might notice that many people who live in Amsterdam don't wear helmets, but we strongly recommend that you do.

I can understand an article about traffic and transport.

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