

THE STREETS OF LONDON

Read the text and do the multiple choice.

My home city, London, is always full of traffic and often, in the center of the city, the traffic is not moving. This makes it very difficult for our parents to drive us to school. London is a very old city and the streets are often small which means it can also be difficult for ambulances, school buses and police cars to get through.

Many people in London don't drive to work because it takes a very long time. Most people choose to travel by train, underground or tram because they are much quicker. If people are travelling from outside of London, they often have to catch a train to one of the big stations and then go by underground to their office. It can be very expensive but with the traffic problems, it's the only option and the quickest way.

Our city council has been trying to improve the traffic but there are still too many cars. A few years ago, they stopped lorries going into the center between 8 am and 6 pm. This helped a little bit, but not enough. They then made every car driver pay to drive in London between 8:30 am and 6 pm. This didn't make the traffic better because unfortunately people paid to drive in London and there was still the same number of cars as before.

How can the change this problem? They want to stop all cars going into the center except for buses and taxis. Many people think this is a very bad idea and will make travel around London worse. Only time will tell.

1. Why is it difficult for school buses to move to London?

- A. They have to pay during the day.
- B. They can't get past other cars.
- C. They can't drive through the center.

2. The writer says that it's not easy to get to school in London because

- A. many of the roads have been closed.
- B. some of the roads aren't very big
- C. buses aren't allowed in the center.

3. The writer says that the fastest way to get to work in London is

- A. by train and taxi.
- B. by train and bus.
- C. by train and underground.

4 Why didn't the extra cost to every driver improve the traffic in London?

- A Nobody wanted to pay.
- B Few people used their car during these hours.
- C Everybody paid.

5 What is the best title for the article?

- A Too much traffic
- B Good jobs in the city.
- C Expensive taxis.

