Practical English Going home

1 VOCABULARY public transport

Complete the paragraphs.

1 You can get a taxi or a [1] *cab* at a taxi [2] r_____. People usually give the driver a [3] t_____.

2 Before you get a plane, you have to [4] ch_____ in online or at the airport. Then you go through security to the [5] d_____ lounge. Finally you go to your [6] g_____.

3 You get a train at a railway [7] st_____. First you get a [8] t_____ and then you find the right [9] pl_____.

4 You get a bus or a [10] c_____ at a bus station. You can also get a bus at a bus [11] st_____. You can buy a ticket in advance or sometimes you can pay the [12] dr_____.

2 GETTING TO THE AIRPORT

Complete the conversations with a sentence in the box.

Can I pay by credit card?
~~Could you call me a taxi, please?~~
Could I have a ticket to Luton Airport, please?
How much is it? And could I have a receipt?
Now, please. Single, please.
Standard, please. To St Pancras station.

1 A [1] *Could you call me a taxi, please?*
B Yes, of course. Where to?
A [2] _____
B And when would you like it for?
A [3] _____

2 A [4] _____
C That's £18.50, please.
A Make it £20. [5] _____
C Thank you very much, sir.

3 A [6] _____
D Single or return?
A [7] _____
D Standard or first class?
A [8] _____
D That's £18.50.
A [9] _____
D Yes, of course.

3 SOCIAL ENGLISH

Match the words to make phrases.

1 I can't	[e]	a to accept.
2 Thank you	[ ]	b good journey.
3 I'd love	[ ]	c in London.
4 I'm so	[ ]	d so much.
5 Have a	[ ]	e ~~believe it!~~
6 See you	[ ]	f happy.

4 READING

a Read the text about Gatwick Airport.

Gatwick Airport

Gatwick Airport is London's second-largest international airport and 31.3 million passengers pass through it every year. Below you can find different ways of getting to the airport.

BY CAR

If you're planning to drive to Gatwick Airport, you need to take the M23 motorway and turn off at Junction 9. The airport is 45 km from London and five minutes from the nearest town, Crawley.

BY BIKE

The National Cycle Network Route will take you to the airport, where you can leave your bike in a special cycle parking area. Take National Route 21 to the South Terminal, and then take the lift into the terminal building.

BY TRAIN

The Gatwick Express runs every fifteen minutes and takes only half an hour from Victoria Station in Central London. A single ticket bought on the day costs £17.95, but tickets are cheaper if you buy them online.

BY BUS OR COACH

EasyBus operates a service to the airport from Earl's Court in the centre of London which runs all day and all night. The buses run every 15 minutes, and drop you off in front of the terminal buildings. The price for a single ticket can be as low as £2, but you need to book early.

BY TAXI

Phone Airport Cars 24 hours a day for a taxi to take you to Gatwick Airport. The cost of a taxi from Central London to the airport is £95, and the journey takes about an hour.

b How did the following people get to Gatwick Airport?

1 Chris made a phone call. By *taxi*.
2 Emma paid £2. By _____.
3 Debbie went from Victoria Station. By _____.
4 Pete went on the motorway. By _____.
5 Harry did some exercise. By _____.

c Underline five words or phrases you don't know. Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.

LIVEWORKSHEETS