

A

Vehicles

Vehicle is the general word for all types of road transport.



bus

lorry (also called **truck**)

bicycle



coach



van



motorbike

B

Travelling around

bus/coach	train	plane	taxi	bicycle
bus/coach driver	train driver	pilot	taxi driver	cyclist
(£) bus fare	train fare	airfare	fare	
get / catch / go by	get / catch / go by	fly	get/take	go by bike / cycle / ride a bike
get on/off	get on/off	get on/off	get in / out (of)	get on/off
bus stop / bus station	platform / train station	airport	taxi rank	
journey	journey	flight		

I **go** to work **by bus**. It's only three **stops**.

We **got the train** to Cardiff, but the **journey** was terrible.

When the **bus fares** went up last month, my dad started **cycling** to work.

I **got out of** the taxi and almost walked away without paying the **fare**.

If there are more **flights**, **airfares** should be cheaper.

We were going to **get the train** to Paris, but in the end we decided to **fly**.

Common mistakes

It was a good **journey**.
(NOT It was a good ~~travel~~.)

C

Are you happy with public transport?*



Where I live buses are not very **convenient**¹; the nearest bus stop is half a mile **away**². And when I do get the bus, I often have to **wait in a queue**³ for about twenty minutes, and then three come along at the same time!



People are always **complaining about**⁴ the bus service, but where I live it's good. I've got a bus stop **round the corner**⁵ and buses **run** every ten minutes for most of the day, and they're usually **reliable**⁶.



I get the train to work. Trains are expensive – a **return**⁷ to London is forty pounds – but I've got a **season ticket**⁸, and that makes it cheaper. My only real **complaint** is that if I **miss**⁹ my train, I have to wait half an hour for the next one.

* buses and trains for people to use

¹ near or easy to use

² the distance from a place

³ stand in a line

⁴ saying they are unhappy / not satisfied with

⁵ very near

⁶ you can trust them

⁷ a ticket for a journey to a place and back

⁸ a ticket you can use many times within a period of time without paying each time

⁹ don't catch (a train or bus)

Exercises

28.1 Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentences.

- 1 We were late, so we had to get / catch a taxi.
- 2 You mustn't *ride* / *drive* a motorbike without a helmet in the UK.
- 3 She told him to *get in* / *get on* the car and fasten his seat belt.
- 4 The *journey* / *travel* to the airport takes half an hour.
- 5 Trains to the airport *travel* / *run* every half hour.
- 6 The pilot didn't want to *drive* / *fly* the plane in such bad weather.
- 7 They left a bit late and *lost* / *missed* the bus.
- 8 I see that train *fares* / *tickets* are going up again.
- 9 You mustn't speak to the bus *pilot* / *driver* when he is driving.
- 10 We must *get off* / *out* the bus at the next *station* / *stop*.

28.2 Test your knowledge. Can you label the vehicles without looking at the opposite page?



- 1 bus 3 5



- 2 4 6

28.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 I wasn't happy with the service, so I made a complaint.
- 2 The flight was fine but we had a terrible from the airport to our hotel.
- 3 Where I live, the public transport is not very because the nearest bus stop is two kilometres, and there are no trains at all.
- 4 The train station is just round the from where I live.
- 5 Buses are not very Sometimes they come every five minutes, but other times you have to wait for forty minutes.
- 6 When I got to the bus stop there was a long of people.
- 7 Train fares are crazy: a to Glasgow costs more than two singles.
- 8 People are always about the buses, but I don't think they're that bad.
- 9 I use the trains every day for work, so I've got a ticket.
- 10 Your train is going to depart from six at 10:25.

28.4 Over to you

Answer the questions about transport in your country. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- 1 Are trains more reliable than buses?
- 2 Are return tickets usually twice the price of a single?
- 3 Is where you live convenient for public transport? Why? / Why not?
- 4 How often do you take a taxi? Why, and where do you go to?
- 5 How often do you ride a bike?