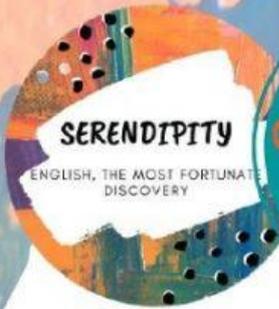
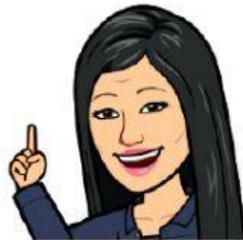


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Getting lost

a. Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

exactly Excuse miss near say Sorry tell way Where's

A me, please. the station?

B, I don't live here.

A Excuse me. Is the station here?

C The station? It's near here, but I don't know where.

Sorry.

A Excuse me. Can you me the to the station, please?

D Yes, of course. Go past the hotel, then turn left at the traffic lights. It's at the end of the street.

A Sorry, could you that again, please?

D Yes. Go past the hotel, then turn left at the traffic lights and it's at the end of the street. You can't it!

A Thank you.

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b. Complete the sentences with these words.

could course meet nice Maybe there What would

1 a view!

2 What you like to visit?

3 What is to see?

4 We go to the Houses of Parliament.

5 Would you like to for lunch?

6 That's really of you.

7 another time.

8 Yes, of

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c. Read the information about getting around the UK.



Getting around the UK

By bus and coach

In the UK, long-distance express buses are called coaches. These are always **economical**, but they can be very slow. The biggest company is National Express, which has **frequent** services between big cities. They're usually cheaper if you buy your ticket early and travel at quiet times. In many towns, there are separate bus and coach stations, so passengers need to make sure they go to the right place to get their coach.

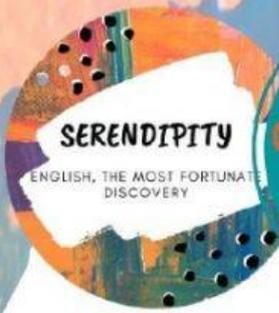
By car

Car travel in the UK is expensive, and there is often a lot of traffic. However, travelling by car means that you can be independent and **flexible**, and a car carrying three or more passengers can be cheaper than public transport. Motorways take drivers quickly from one city to the next but, small roads are often more **scenic** and fun. Parking in the centre of big cities can be difficult and very expensive, so an alternative is to use a Park & Ride. This is a system where drivers pay less to park their cars outside the city and take a bus to the centre.

By train

Trains are generally faster and more comfortable than coaches for long distance travel, but they can be a lot more expensive. About 20 different companies operate train services in the UK, so the system can be quite **confusing**. However, passengers can get information on timetables and fares from the National Rail Enquiries website, which also has a way to buy tickets. There are two types of tickets: first and **standard**, and tickets are much cheaper if you buy them early.

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d. Read the information again. Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Taking a coach is a slow way to travel.
- 2 The best time to travel by coach is at quiet times.
- 3 There isn't much traffic in the UK.
- 4 In a Park & Ride system you take a train.
- 5 You can buy tickets from National Rail Enquiries.

e. Match the highlighted adjectives to their meanings.

- 1 beautiful:
- 2 difficult to understand:
- 3 quite cheap:
- 4 normal:
- 5 easy to change something:
- 6 happening often: