

Dangerous journeys

I can understand a text about dangerous journeys to school.

1- SPEAKING. How do you travel to school? What is your journey to school like?

2- SPEAKING. Look at the photos. Why do these children have to go on dangerous journeys, do you think?



3- Read the introduction to the text. (send an audio) Check your ideas for exercise 2

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How **dangerous** is your journey to school? Perhaps you have to walk across a busy road or ride your bike in traffic. But in general, your journey is probably **safe**. For some children, it's very different ...

4- Read the texts. Match texts (1-4) with (A-D)

1 Banpo Elementary School in China is on a mountain. The path to school is very **narrow** and dangerous. The children have to walk in a line. When they meet somebody, they have to stand against the mountain while the person passes. For the parents, it is very worrying. Fortunately, the head teacher of the school walks with the children every morning.

2 A group of children in Sumatra, Indonesia, have to cross a **wide** river every morning on their way to school. The bridge across the river is broken, so about 20 children have to walk across a rope. The rope is ten metres above the water. After that, they have to walk ten kilometres through the jungle! And of course, at the end of the school day, they have to do the same journey again on their way home.

3 Students in Minh Hoa in Vietnam have to cross a river on their way to and from school every day. There are no bridges or boats, so the children swim. They put their books and clothes in **large** plastic bags so they do not get **wet**. The bags also help the children to stay safe in the water (the water is 20 metres deep). When they reach the other side, they take their **dry** clothes out of the bag and put them on.

4 Near Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, some children have to cross a large valley to get to school. At the bottom of the valley is the Rio Negro, a huge river. There is only one way to cross the valley: on a zip wire. That's a metal rope, 800 metres long and 400 metres above the river. The journey is very fast. In fact, it only takes about one minute! **Small** children cannot travel across the valley alone, so their brother or sister puts them in a bag!

5- Read the reading strategy. Then match the sentences (A-G) with texts (1-4)

Reading Strategy

When you match sentences to texts, make sure the whole sentence matches the information in the text. Do not just look for one or two words that are in the text and the sentence.

Which group of children ...

- A sometimes put a family member inside a bag?
- B cannot use the bridge across the river?
- C travel very fast?
- D have to swim across a river?
- E have to walk along a dangerous path?
- F have a long walk as part of their journey to school?
- G travel to school with their head teacher?

6- VOCABULARY. Put the highlighted adjectives in the text into four pairs of opposites.

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7- VOCABULARY. Find these words in the text. Then match them with the pictures below.

In the wilderness boat bridge jungle mountain
path river rope valley



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- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____