

NOTES:

PREPOSITIONS OF TRANSPORT (By - In - On)

- By is used after a Verb
- In is used for private transport
- On is used for public transport



By

BY - ways and modes to travel



"I go to work **by** tram, every morning."
"To see more of the surroundings, we prefer to travel **by** sea".

We use 'by' to describe the mode (or way) of travel. By is used either after a verb or a noun.

Eg. journey, voyage, car, bus, plane, road, sea, air etc.

In

IN - private transport



"I can seat only 3 people **in** my car."
"The driver doesn't allow dogs **in** his taxi".

We use *in* when we are **Inside** the vehicle and do not have much room to move. Most commonly *in* is used for **private transport** – when you don't share the vehicle with (unknown or) other passengers.

On

ON - transportation on which you can move

"I can't call right now, I'm **on** the bus".

"Let me give you a ride – hop **on** the back of my bike".



We use *on* when you can **stand, walk** or **sit** on top of the vehicle. Most commonly we use *on* for **public transport**; transportation on which you can move even though the vehicle itself is in motion. In this case you can approach 'on' as a synonym of 'inside'.

Eg. planes, trams, ferries, subways, trains, ships, bikes, skateboards, skis, motorcycles, etc.

EXERCISE:

Transportation: Prepositions in/on/by

Read the incomplete sentences below and then fill in the gaps with **in**, **on** or **by**

1. We get _____ the plane and sit in our seats.



2. She comes out of the station and gets _____ a taxi.

3. He gets _____ the car and drives all the way to the city.



4. She usually comes to college _____ the train.

5. You can travel from Middlesbrough to London _____ a train,

_____ a coach or _____ a car.



6. Do you come _____ car or _____ bus?

7. You can travel from London to Paris _____ a train, _____ a plane or _____ a car.



8. My daughter travels _____ coach to Newcastle.
Sometimes, she goes _____ a car with her father.

9. If you go to Paris _____ a car, you also have to go _____ a ferry.

10. In some countries you can travel _____ a camel.

11. We drive our car to the city, get _____ the ferry, travel across the sea and arrive in France.



12. I walk to college, but if it's raining, I go _____ bus.