

1. Work with new vocabulary. Write down new words in your notebooks with translations. Then learn them

### CHECK THESE WORDS!

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2. a) Listen and read this text several times



## Travelling in London

- 1 What is your favourite, least favourite means of public transport? Why? Tell the class. You can use the words below and any of your own ideas.

- cheap/expensive • crowded • fast/slow
- convenient/inconvenient • dirty/clean
- noisy/quiet

### Reading

- 2 a) Read the title of the text and the headings and look at the pictures. Which means of transport do you think is best if you want to: get somewhere fast? pay nothing? meet a Londoner? avoid heavy traffic? Read to find out.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LONDON

You are never far from public transport in London. The public transport network is large and busy. In fact, it's one of the largest and busiest public transport systems in the world.

### THE LONDON UNDERGROUND

This is Londoners' favourite way to travel within London, because it's the fastest. They call it "the Tube". There are 12 London Underground lines, and each has its own colour. The Circle Line, for example, is yellow on the Tube map, and its trains have yellow hand rails. If you want to visit London lots of times, you should get an Oyster card. This card makes your journeys cheaper and you only have to buy it once because it never expires. You can decide how much money to put on your card, and when.



### BLACK CABS

London's taxi drivers, or "cabbies", have amazing knowledge of the city. Black cab drivers must know thousands of streets. They have to take a very difficult test to show that they know the quickest routes between different areas of London. Some people spend years preparing for the test! Using a taxi is a good way to meet a Londoner... because the cabbies always want to chat to their passengers!



### LONDON BUSES

London's red buses are not just a symbol of the city. They provide a very useful service. London buses are usually faster than cars. That's because London's roads have sections that are only for buses. Cars mustn't use them. Also, car drivers have to pay a charge to enter central London, so there aren't many traffic problems. The newest London buses use electricity. One of them appeared in the 2012 James Bond film Skyfall. In 2014, the payment system changed. You can't use cash to pay for your journey any more. You have to use an Oyster card, a travel card or a bank card.



### CYCLE HIRE

There are bikes for everybody all over central London. People pay to access the bikes for 24 hours, seven days or a year. After that, they can take a bike from any "docking station" and return it to any docking station. You can use the bike for up to 30 mins without paying anything extra.



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**b) Read again and complete the sentences with words or phrases from the text.**

- 1 ..... way to travel in London is by Tube.
- 2 If you are visiting London more than once, it's a good idea to buy .....
- 3 If you want to drive in London, you have to .....
- 4 It isn't possible to pay for your London bus journey with ..... any more .
- 5 A London cabbie must know ..... to get to your destination.
- 6 If your journey isn't longer than ....., you only have to pay an access charge to use a bike in London.

### **Vocabulary**

**3** Fill in the sentences with words from the *Check these words box*.

- 1 Hold onto the ..... so you don't fall over when the train is moving!
- 2 My dad doesn't drive to work because there's too much .....
- 3 London taxi drivers have to have a really good ..... of the city streets.
- 4 The ..... system on the buses is really easy; just give your money to the driver.
- 5 Max likes to ....., in fact he never stops talking!

#### **4. Answer the questions**

**1) What is Londoner's favourite way to travel? Why?**

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**2) What should Londoner's taxi driver have?**

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**3) Where can you get a bike for hiring in London?**

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