

E. SPEAKING

Exercise 1. Put the letters in the correct order to complete the collocations you can use to talk about travel and transport.

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environmentally

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traffic

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fuel

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electric

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Exercise 2. Complete the travel words and phrases. Use the words in the box. Then watch the video and check your answers.

air pollution

air travel

cars

cars

jams

place to another

the pavement

transport

travel

1 public

2 traffic

3 walk on

4 long distances

5 go from one

6 reduce

7 electric

8 cheap

9 environmentally-friendly

Exercise 3. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences about travel and transport. Use the words in the box.

air

distance

domestic

efficiency

electric

forms

friendly

jams

season

ticket

1 An advantage of walking to work is that you avoid traffic

2 Cycling is good for the environment because it reduces

3 It's cheaper to use the train if you buy a

ticket.

- 4 My father prefers to use the car for long- [] journeys.
- 5 I like all [] of transport. I love to travel!
- 6 It's usually more economical to buy a return [] instead of two singles.
- 7 I don't like flying so I prefer to take the train instead of [] flights.
- 8 Do you think that [] cars will be cheaper in the future?
- 9 Fuel [] is thought to be better in diesel than petrol cars.
- 10 Public transport is popular in our city because it's environmentally [] and cheap.

Exercise 4. Read and complete the conversation from IELTS Speaking Part 3. Use the words in the box. Then watch the video and check your answers. (Video 4.1)

Yes, comfort developed distances forms private public
relatively take using wait

Examiner: ... Let's consider, first of all, types of transport. Which are the most popular [] of transport in your country?

Student: I believe it's mostly [] transport, ... because it's easy to use and it's relatively cheap ...

Examiner: So, has public transport in Dubai been [] fairly recently?

Student: ... [] it's [] easy and cheap.

Examiner: How do people travel long [] in your country?

Student: They prefer public transport to go from city to city. For example, you can [] a bus.

Examiner: What are the disadvantages of [] public transport?

Student: I think a disadvantage would be the crowds, because you have to [] in line to get a ticket.

Examiner: In your own, [] car you would probably arrive later, wouldn't you?

Student: Yes, but you would have your own space and [] .

Exercise 5 :

It's important not to run out of things to say in the IELTS Speaking test. Complete the table with some words and phrases you can use to develop a conversation.

... relatively ...	Let's consider, first of all, ...	In general, ...	You know ...	
... whereas ...	Lastly, ...	For example, ...	I would/wouldn't say that ...	
... mostly ...	Not at all.	... which/that ...	That's why ...	While ...
Yes, of course ...	Another point is ...			

Ordering your ideas Firstly, ... 	Generalising 	Explaining your ideas
Comparing and contrasting ideas 	Conversation fillers 	

Exercise 6 : Complete the conversation from IELTS Part 3 using the words and phrases in the table. Then watch the video and check your answers. (Video 4.2)

Ordering your ideas	Generalising	Explaining your ideas
Firstly, ... Let's consider first of all ... Another point is ... Lastly, ...	In general, ... I would/wouldn't say that ... mostly	For example, which/that ... That's why ...
Comparing and contrasting ideas	Conversation fillers	
While whereas relatively ...	You know ... Yes, of course ... Not at all.	

Examiner: Let's consider, first of all, types of transport. Which are the most popular forms of transport in your country?

Student: I believe it's _____ public transport, because it's easy to use and _____ cheap.

Examiner: So, has public transport in Dubai been developed fairly recently?

Student: Yes, it now has trams and buses which take people from Dubai to other cities.

Examiner: So, people are using their private cars less?

Student: I _____ say that, because there's so much traffic.

Examiner: How do people travel long distances in your country?

Student: They prefer public transport because it's _____ cheap.

Examiner: What are the disadvantages of using public transport?

Student: I think a disadvantage would be the crowds because you have to wait in line to get a ticket, that's _____.

Examiner: Let's move on now to talk about changes in transport. Tell me, how has transport changed over the last few decades?

Student: The government has recently opened a tram system and the Dubai metro, which they are expanding.

Examiner: So, do you really need buses if you have the tram or metro?

Student: Buses are more usual because they travel from Dubai to Sharjah or Abu Dhabi, _____ the metro and tram is only in Dubai.

Examiner: Do you think people will be using different types of transport in the future?

Student: In my opinion, I believe people might be using electronic cars.

Exercise 7 : Complete the table with some more useful words and phrases you can use to develop a conversation in IELTS Speaking Part 3. The first one has been done for you.

Let's move on now to talk about ...	Right, OK ...	It has been predicted that ...	
In my opinion, ...	To begin with, ...	People might/may ...	Well, ...
... not only ... but also ...	For instance, ...	However, ...	I'd like to add that ...
So, as a result of this/that, ...	To sum up, ...	In spite of this/that, ...	
It's usual/usually ...			

Ordering your ideas Firstly, ... 	Generalising 	Explaining your ideas
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Exercise 8 : Read the examiner's questions. Choose the correct words and phrases to complete the student's answers.

1 Examiner: Let's consider, first of all, types of transport. Which are the most popular forms of transport in your country?

Student: Right/ That's why/ Well, I would say buses are popular for getting around cities.

2 Examiner: Has public transport in your city been developed or improved recently?

Student: Yes, the stations are often modernized despite/ however/ in spite of the London Underground being over 150 years old.

3 Examiner: Do people use private cars much in your country?

Student: Traffic jams are a common problem, so I 'd like to ask/ will/ would say that private cars are still overused.

4 Examiner: How do people travel long distances in your country?

Student: Trains are never/ plus/ relatively inexpensive, so this is how people generally prefer to travel.

5 Examiner: What are the disadvantages of using public transport?

Student: It's often unreliable because of this/ in spite of this/ plus, it can be expensive.

6 Examiner: Let's move on now to talk about changes in transport. Tell me, how has transport changed over the last few decades?

Student: Mostly/ No/ Right, OK ... well, I think that the government is reducing carbon emissions by improving public transport.

7 Examiner: Do you think there are any negative effects of cheap air travel?

Student: Yes, I do. Budget airlines allow people to fly more frequently. As a result/ Due/ However of this, air pollution has increased.

8 Examiner: Do you think people will be using different types of transport in the future?

Student: Yes, of course. For instance, / In my opinion/ It has been predicted that oil will run out one day, so electric cars will be usual.

Exercise 9 :

Watch the video of a student doing IELTS Speaking Part 3. Find and correct the student's mistakes. There are eight mistakes. (▶ Video 4.3)

Examiner: ... Which are the most popular forms of transport in your country?

Student: Cars. Almost everyone in my country uses the car to transport from one place to another.

(1 mistake)

Examiner: Why is that?

Student: Because public transports are bad in my country and it's because petrol is cheap ...

(2 mistakes)

Examiner: Is it a good thing that there are so many cars in your country?

Student: Actually it's a bad thing because there is always traffic jams. ... (1 mistake)

Examiner: How do people travel long distances in your country?

Student: By car, because my country's too small ... it only take you two hours to go from east to west. ... (1 mistake)

Examiner: ... How has transport changed over the last few decades, would you say?

Student: More cars are being used ... If you take a look at the country, you will see that each house got more than five cars. ... (1 mistake)

Examiner: Have people started to use electric cars now?

Student: No, not yet. ... No-one want it to use them. ... (1 mistake)

Examiner: Do you think that people will be using different types of transport in the future?

Student: ... Yes, of course, but they also be using ... environmentally-friendly cars. (1 mistake)

Exercise 10 :

You are going to do IELTS Speaking Part 3. Answer the questions.

1. Which are the most popular forms of transport in your country?
2. How do people travel long distances in your country?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of public transport?
4. How has transport changed over the last few decades?
5. Do you think there are any negative effects of cheap air travel?
6. Do you think people will be using different types of transport in the future?