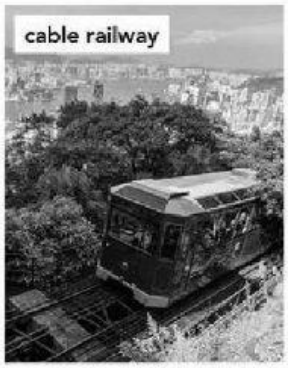
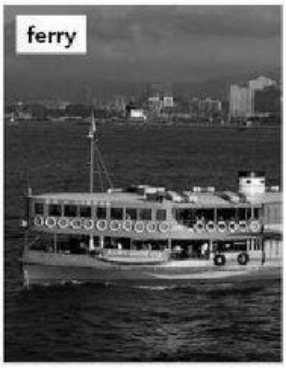
4 Transportation in Hong Kong

A Read about transportation in Hong Kong. Write the correct types of transportation in the article.

GETTING AROUND HONG KONG

Hong Kong has an excellent transportation system. If you fly there, you will arrive at one of the most modern airports in the world. And during your visit, there are many ways to get around Hong Kong.





1. _____

These have run in the streets of Hong Kong Island since 1904. They have two decks, and they carry more than 180,000 passengers a day. You can travel on six routes, totaling 30 kilometers (about 19 miles). You can also hire one for a private party with up to 25 guests – a great way to enjoy Hong Kong!

2. _____

Take one of these to cross from Hong Kong Island to Kowloon or to visit one of the other islands. You can also use them to travel to Macau and Guangdong. They are very safe and comfortable, and they are one of the cheapest boat rides in the world.

3. _____

Hong Kong's underground railway is called the MTR – the Mass Transit Railway. It is the fastest way to get around. You can take the MTR from the airport to all the major centers in Hong Kong. The MTR carries over four million passengers a day!

4. _____

This is found on Hong Kong Island. It pulls you up Victoria Peak, which is 552 meters (about 1,800 feet) above sea level, the highest mountain on the island. The system is nearly 130 years old. In that time, there has never been an accident. Two cars carry up to 120 passengers each.

B Complete the chart about each type of transportation. Where you cannot find the information, write *NG* (not given).

	cable railway	ferry	subway	tram
1. How old is it?	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. How many people use it?	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. How safe is it?	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Where can you go?	_____	_____	_____	_____

5 Complete these conversations. Use the words in the box.

☐ ATM ☑ duty-free shop ☐ sign ☐ hotel ☐ schedule

1. **A:** Could you tell me where I can buy some perfume?
   B: You should try the duty-free shop.
2. **A:** Can you tell me where I can find a good place to stay?
   B: Yeah, there is a nice _____ on the next street.
3. **A:** Do you know where I can change money?
   B: There's a money exchange on the second floor. There's also an _____ over there.
4. **A:** Do you know what time the last train leaves for the city?
   B: No, but I can check the _____.
5. **A:** Could you tell me where the taxi stand is?
   B: Sure. Just follow that _____.

6 Complete the questions in this conversation at a hotel.

Guest: Could you tell me where the gym is?

Clerk: Sure, the gym is on the nineteenth floor.

Guest: OK. And can you _____?

Clerk: Yes, the coffee shop is next to the gift shop.

Guest: The gift shop? Hmm. I need to buy something for my wife. Do you _____?

Clerk: It closes at 6:00 P.M. I'm sorry, but you'll have to wait until tomorrow. It's already 6:15.

Guest: OK. Oh, I'm expecting a package. Could you _____?

Clerk: Don't worry. I'll call you when it arrives.

Guest: Thanks. Just one more thing. Do you _____?

Clerk: The airport bus leaves every half hour. Anything else?

Guest: No, I don't think so. Thanks.

7 Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.

1. There are too many cars in this city. (fewer)
   There should be fewer cars in this city.
2. We need fewer buses and cars downtown. (traffic)
3. Where's the subway station? (Could you)
4. There isn't enough public parking. (parking garages)
5. How often does the bus come? (Do you)
6. What time does the last train leave? (Can you)

8 Answer these questions about your city or another city you know.

The streets are closed to traffic in a trafficfree zone.

1. Are there any traffic-free zones? If so, where are they located?
2. How do most people travel to and from work?
3. What's the rush hour like?
4. What's the city's biggest problem?
5. What has the city done about it?
6. Is there anything else the city could do?