

ENGLISH FILE INTERMEDIATE

FINAL ACTIVITY – UNIT 3

1- READ THE TEXT AND SAY TRUE OR FALSE. JUSTIFY THE FALSE SENTENCES

A radical transport system

China's urban population is growing quickly. With many more people also able to afford cars, China's cities now have some of the biggest traffic congestion problems in the world.

But one Chinese engineer, Youzhou Song, has designed an exciting solution: the straddling bus. The bus, which looks like a train, goes across and above part of the road like a moving bridge. It holds up to 1,200 passengers on the top level while cars continue to drive beneath. Although it only travels at about 40 kilometres an hour, it will never have problems with traffic jams. It is as wide as two lanes of the road, but it won't slow down the traffic.

The bus runs on a combination of electricity and solar power, so it also offers a much greener, cleaner and quieter form of transport. It is three times faster, and ten times cheaper to build than the same length of underground railway. Designed with a huge window in the top of the bus, it is also a lighter and more cheerful way to travel!

If you're worried about the bus crashing into other vehicles, don't be. A system of lights and alarms will stop this from happening. Youzhou Song has even designed escape doors which open at the side in an emergency, just like on an aeroplane.

If tests on the new technology go well, who knows?

We may all be looking forward to a new era of city travel!

More people in China have cars than before.

 T

1 Two engineers have designed the bus.

2 The new bus will carry 40 people.

3 Cars and the new bus will use different levels.

4 It travels three times faster than the underground railway.

5 It will be as wide as two roads.

6 The new bus will not pollute the city as much as the old buses.

7 The new bus won't have as much light as conventional buses.

8 There will be an escape system similar to an aeroplane.

2- COMPLETE WITH THE CORRECT ARTICLE (A/AN/THE/-)

Dear Paula,

We're having a wonderful time here in Rome. We

arrived yesterday afternoon so we had time to find

(1) a nice little hotel and relax after (2) a journey.

(3) The hotel is very central but it's not too noisy.

This morning we had (4) a quick breakfast

(great coffee!) and then went out to explore (5) a city.

I think (6) the Italian cities are all wonderful, but I can't

believe what (7) a fabulous city Rome is!

Later, we're meeting Kathy's friend Pietro, who's

(8) a economics student at the university here. He's

going to take us to (9) the best pizzeria in Rome (at least he says it is!).

We'll be back home (10) on next Friday. See you soon!

Julie

3- COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE COMPARATIVE OR THE SUPERLATIVE FORM OF THE ADJECTIVES

This subway is the most modern (modern) I've ever been on.

1 What's the quickest (quick) way around London?

2 Are trains here as expensive (expensive) as in Britain?

3 You look much better (good) with short hair!

4 My new office is just as tiny (tiny) as my last one.

5 That was the worst (bad) coffee I've ever drunk!

6 The bus is slower (slow) than the train.

7 The test is more difficult (difficult) than last week. It's really hard.

8 Who do you think is the best (good) dancer, Bruno Mars, Usher or Justin Timberlake?

4- CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

Is there anything that you're really afraid of ~~on~~ / ~~at~~ / ~~of~~?

1 Watch out ~~in~~ / ~~at~~ / ~~out~~ for that cyclist!

2 My uncle paid for ~~from~~ / ~~for~~ / ~~by~~ the meal, which was very kind.

3 I'm fed up with ~~from~~ / ~~by~~ / ~~with~~ my job. I need a change.

4 Annette spends a lot of money on ~~in~~ / ~~at~~ / ~~on~~ online games.

5 Try not to laugh at ~~with~~ / ~~at~~ / ~~to~~ Bill when he speaks French – his accent is terrible!

6 I'm very pleased with ~~by~~ / ~~with~~ / ~~at~~ the new bus service.

7 It can take ages to get to the city centre – it depends on ~~in~~ / ~~of~~ the traffic.

8 Cambridge is famous for ~~from~~ / ~~with~~ its university.

9 This restaurant reminds me of ~~on~~ / ~~out~~ / ~~of~~ that one in Paris.

10 I try not to argue with ~~at~~ / ~~with~~ / ~~between~~ my sister.