

Vancouver is Canada's third city. It's a fascinating place and you can explore it using some interesting forms of transport.

A boat that carries passengers from one place to another is usually called a ferry, but in Vancouver it's called the SeaBus. The SeaBus connects the city centre, or 'downtown', to North Vancouver. They first introduced a ferry across the Fraser River in 1900 and the SeaBus started in the late 70s. Many people on foot or with bikes use this 15-minute service every day.

A train that travels on a track high above a city's streets is sometimes called a monorail, but in Vancouver it's the SkyTrain.

There are three lines and 47 stations around the city. The third line, the Canada Line, opened for the Winter Olympics™ in 2010. Over 622,000 people used the SkyTrain every day during the 17-day event. The SkyTrain crosses the Fraser River on its own bridge, the SkyBridge.

A plane that can take off and land on water is usually called a sea plane, but in Vancouver they call it a Float Plane. You can fly from downtown to Vancouver Island, the large island west of the city, in 35 minutes.

3 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Vancouver is / isn't in Canada.
- 2 The centre / north of Vancouver is called 'downtown'.
- 3 The first ferry across the Fraser River was / wasn't the SeaBus.
- 4 You can / can't take a bike on the SeaBus.
- 5 The SkyTrain travels / doesn't travel on the roads in the city.
- 6 The Canada Line is a new / an old SkyTrain line.
- 7 The SkyTrain crosses the river / streets on the SkyBridge.
- 8 The city of Vancouver is / isn't on a big island.