ELEMENTARY UNIT 9

1 **What forms of public transport do you have in your city? Which is the quickest? Which is the cheapest?**

2 **Read the guide to public transport in Lisbon. Tick the information that is included in the guide.**

times
number of lines
names of stations and stops
prices
tourist information
history

Getting about in
LISBON
your online guide to public transport



Metro
Lisbon's metro runs from 6.30a.m. to 1a.m. It has 4 lines and 55 stations and it covers the whole city. Trains run every 5 to 8 minutes. It is the cheapest and quickest form of transport to and from the airport. More

Trams
There are five tramlines in the centre, south and west of the city. They take passengers to areas of the city where buses do not go. The times are different for each line. Some stop as early as 9p.m., others run later. The old trams in the centre of town are very popular with tourists. More

Buses
The bus lines cover the whole city, including the airport. There are services all day and all night. There are 143 bus lines in and around the city. More

Ferries
There are three ferry lines. They connect the south side of the river to the town. Ferries cross the river every twenty minutes. The first ferry leaves at 5.20a.m. and the last ferry arrives at 1.20a.m. Not all the ferry lines have the same times. More

3 **Read the guide again and answer the questions.**

1 Which form of transport runs through the night? _____
2 Which form of transport has the smallest number of lines? _____
3 Which form of transport has the largest number of lines? _____
4 Which form of transport goes where other forms of transport can't go? _____
5 Which two forms of transport connect the city with the airport? _____, _____
6 Which form of transport connects two separate parts of the city? _____

4 **Read the guide again and find the verbs in the box. Write sentences about public transport in your town using at least three of the verbs.**

run	cover	take	stop	connect	cross	leave	arrive

Buses don't run at night in my town.
The local bus lines cover most of the town and the area around.

5 9.1 **Listen to three people talking about public transport in Lisbon. Tick the forms of transport each person talks about.**

	metro	tram	bus	ferry
1				
2				
3				

6 **Listen again. Match each person 1–3 with the journeys a)–c).**

a) from home to work ___
b) from work to the airport ___
c) from home to the main station ___

7 **Look at the phrases in bold in the extracts. Which are describing a) the location of public transport or b) the duration of the journey?**

1 The nearest metro station is **just two minutes from my office** and the trains are really regular.
2 **It never takes me more than half an hour**.
3 There's a good bus line **on my street** that goes directly to the station.
4 **It takes about 20 minutes**.
5 I walk to the ferry station, it's **ten minutes from my house**.
6 **It takes about 40 minutes** in total.

8 **Think of a journey you do regularly. It may or may not include public transport. Write two or three sentences describing your journey. Use the expressions in Exercise 7 to help you.**

9 **Compare your journey with a partner.**

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