

## Unit 7 TRAFFIC

### THIS UNIT INCLUDES:

#### Vocabulary

- Means of transport
- Road signs

#### Pronunciation

Sounds: /aɪ/ and /eɪ/

#### Grammar

- It indicating distance
- Should / shouldn't

#### Skills

- Reading about traffic rules
- Talking about obeying traffic rules
- Listening about traffic problems in Mumbai
- Writing a paragraph about traffic problems

#### Everyday English

Asking and answering questions about means of transport

### GETTING STARTED

#### Meeting in the schoolyard

#### 1 Listen and read.

**Lan:** Hi, Mark. How are you?

**Mark:** Good, thanks. And you?  
What did you do last Sunday?

**Lan:** I'm fine. Last Sunday afternoon,  
I cycled round the lake near my home.

**Mark:** That sounds really healthy.  
By the way, do you often cycle to  
school too?

**Lan:** Yes, but sometimes my mum takes  
me on her motorbike.

**Mark:** How far is it from your home  
to school?

**Lan:** It's about two kilometres.

**Mark:** How long does it take you to  
cycle there?

**Lan:** About 10 minutes. Sometimes,  
when there are traffic jams, it takes  
longer.

**Mark:** You should be careful, especially  
when you cross the road.

**Lan:** Right. The roads get really crowded.

**Mark:** Hey, how about going cycling  
round the lake this Sunday?

**Lan:** Great! Can you come to my house  
at 3 p.m.?

**Mark:** OK, Lan. See you then.



**2 Read the conversation again and choose the correct answer.**

1. How does Lan often go to school?  
A. By bicycle. B. By motorbike.  
C. On foot.
2. It normally takes Lan \_\_\_\_\_ to get to school.  
A. two minutes B. ten minutes  
C. twenty minutes
3. Lan and Mark agree to go cycling \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. tomorrow B. every day  
C. at the weekend

**3 Write one word from the conversation to complete each sentence.**

1. Last Sunday afternoon, Lan \_\_\_\_\_ round the lake near her home.
2. Mark says to Lan: "You \_\_\_\_\_ be careful, especially when you cross the road."

3. Traffic \_\_\_\_\_ are a problem in big cities.

4. - \_\_\_\_\_ does your mum go shopping?  
- She often walks.

5. This road is very \_\_\_\_\_ during the rush hours.

**4 Look at the pictures and write a word under each.**



1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_



7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**5 GAME Find someone who ...**  
Write your friends' names in the blanks. Then report to the class.

Find someone in your class who ...

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| usually walks to school           | _____ |
| never goes to school by bus       | _____ |
| cycles for exercise every day     | _____ |
| never travels by plane            | _____ |
| sometimes goes to school in a car | _____ |

Example:

A: Do you usually walk to school?

B: Yes, I do. / No, I don't.



## A CLOSER LOOK 1

### Vocabulary

- 1 Match the words in A with the phrases in B. \*

| A         | B          |
|-----------|------------|
| 1. ride   | a. a car   |
| 2. drive  | b. a boat  |
| 3. sail   | c. a bike  |
| 4. go     | d. by air  |
| 5. travel | e. on foot |

Make your own sentences with these phrases. Then tell your partner.

Example: 1. c (ride a bike)  
My father taught me how to ride a bike.

- 2 Look at these road signs. Then write the correct phrases under the signs. \*

No right turn  
Cycle lane  
School ahead

Traffic lights  
No cycling  
Hospital ahead



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Work in pairs. Take turns to say which of the signs in 2 you see on the way to school.

Example:

A: On the way to school, there are crossroads, so I see several traffic lights.

B: On my way to school, there is a hospital, so I see a 'hospital ahead' sign.

### Pronunciation

/aɪ/ and /eɪ/

- 4 Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the sounds /aɪ/ and /eɪ/. (448)

| /aɪ/      | /eɪ/     |
|-----------|----------|
| cycle     | sail     |
| fly       | train    |
| fine      | plane    |
| sign      | station  |
| motorbike | pavement |

- 5 Underline the words with the sound /aɪ/ and circle the words with the sound /eɪ/. Then listen, check and repeat. (449) \*

- The bus station is far from my house.
- Remember to ride your bike carefully.
- We must obey traffic rules for our safety.
- You have to get there in time for the train.
- Don't ride on the pavement.



## A CLOSER LOOK 2

### Grammar

#### It indicating distance

We can use *It* in the position of the subject to indicate distance.

Example:

It is about 300 metres from my house to the bus stop.

#### 1 Write sentences with *It*. Use these cues.

Example:

500 metres / my house / nearest shop.

→ It is about 500 metres from my house to the nearest shop.

- 700 metres / my flat / Youth Club.
- 5 kilometres (km) / my village / nearest town.
- about 120 km / Ho Chi Minh City / Vung Tau.
- 384,400 km / the Earth / the Moon.
- not very far / Ha Noi centre / Noi Bai Airport.

#### 2 Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions about distances in your neighbourhood.

Example:

A: How far is it from your home to the gym?

B: It's about 3 kilometres.

You can use these cues:

- your home – open market / supermarket
- your home – playground
- your home – hospital
- your home – train station
- ...

### Should / shouldn't

#### 3 Choose the correct option in brackets. \*

- That's an interesting book. You (*should* / *shouldn't*) read it.
- You nearly fell off your bike! You really (*should* / *shouldn't*) be more careful.
- We (*should* / *shouldn't*) go swimming right after eating.
- I think that he (*should* / *shouldn't*) eat less. He's becoming overweight.
- There are a lot of cars out today. He (*should* / *shouldn't*) drive so fast.

#### Remember!

We use **should** (negative: **shouldn't**):

- to give advice.

Example: You **shouldn't** go out late at night.

- to say what is the correct or best thing to do.

Example: We **should** go now, or we might get stuck in a traffic jam.

#### 4 Complete each sentence, using *should* / *shouldn't*. \*

- We \_\_\_\_\_ ride our motorbikes very fast in the rain.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ study instead of watching YouTube.
- My little sister \_\_\_\_\_ play outside late at night.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ help your mum wash the dishes after dinner.
- You look tired. You \_\_\_\_\_ probably get some sleep.
- The children \_\_\_\_\_ eat so much ice cream.