

The Journey of Transport Through Time

A longtime ago, people did not have cars, trains, or even bicycles. They hadto walk everywhere. Walking was slow, and carrying heavy things was hard. People soon began to use animals, like horses, donkeys, and camels, to help them travel and carry goods.

Later, people invented carts and wagons with wheels. These were pulled by animals and made it easier to move things from one place to another.

In the 1800s, the steam engine was invented. This was a big change! Steam engines were used to make trains, which could carry many people and goods very far, much faster than horses. Towns and cities grew quickly because trains connected them.

Around the same time, the bicycle became popular. It gave people a cheap and easy way to travel on their own. Children loved bicycles too!

Then came the motor car (automobile). At first, cars were very expensive and only rich people could buy them. But soon, factories made cars more quickly and cheaply. Cars gave people freedom to travel anywhere on roads.

Today, we use many kinds of transport: cars, buses, trains, airplanes, and ships. Transport helps us go to school, visit family, travel around the world, and move goods like food and clothes.

Comprehension questions

1. What was the very first way people traveled from place to place?

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2. Why did people start using animals for transport?

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3. What invention in the 1800s changed transport and connected towns and cities?

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4. Why were bicycles important for people?

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5. Name two forms of transport that we use today.

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Which type of transport do you think is most important for your daily life? Why?

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