SESSION N°01

"MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AROUND THE WORLD"

I. Pre-reading

A. Match the pictures with the phrases.

- ( ) by tram
- ( ) by taxi
- ( ) by underground
- ( ) by helicopter
- ( ) by motorbike
- ( ) on foot

B. Complete the sentences with the adjectives below.

dangerous cheap expensive
close crowded noisy

1. When something costs a lot, it's _____.
2. When something isn't far, it's _____.
3. When something makes a lot of noise, it's _____.
4. When something doesn't cost a lot, it's _____.
5. When there are lots of people in a place, it's _____.
6. When something isn't safe, it's _____.

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II. While-reading

Read the text quickly and match the paragraphs with the headings below.

Underground | Buses | Trams | Taxis

On the Move

_____ This is probably the cheapest and easiest way to travel around a city. The most famous are the double-deckers in London. They first appeared in the **1950**s, but now you can find them all over the world in cities like Hong Kong and Las Vegas.

_____ There are more than **150** around the world. In the USA they call it the subway, in Paris the metro and in London the tube. The tube has got over 250 stations, and it's got the oldest tube line in the world. One of the busiest metro systems is the Tokyo subway with more than three billion passengers a year.

_____ This is one of the oldest means of city transport. In the beginning, horses pulled them around the city. Then they used electricity to power them. In some cities they still use them. One of the largest tram systems in the world is in Melbourne. Thousands of people use them every day. Of course, today they are more modern.

_____ You can find them in every city. In Mexico City, Athens and New York they are yellow. In New York, millions of people use them every year. In London, they are called Hackney carriages, and they are usually black. It's one of the fastest ways to travel around a city but also the most expensive.

B. Literal Comprehension Questions

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Choose the correct answer a, b, or c

1. How many stations has the London Underground got?
   a. About 150 stations
   b. Over 250 stations
   c. Around 300 stations
2. Which means of transport is the most expensive to use?
   a. Taxis are the most expensive to use.
   b. Trams are the most expensive to use.
   c. Buses are the most expensive to use.
3. Which is the cheapest to use?
   a. Underground is the cheapest to use.
   b. Buses are the cheapest to use.
   c. Trams are the cheapest to use.
4. In which cities are taxis yellow?
   a. Mexico City, Athens and New York
   b. Paris, London and New York
   c. Mexico City, Tokyo and Las Vegas
5. How did trams use to work in the past?
   a. They used batteries.
   b. They were pulled by horses.
   c. They used water power.
6. How many people use the Tokyo subway a year?
   a. Around one billion
   b. More than three billion
   c. Less than one billion
7. What are Hackney carriages?
   a. Double-decker buses
   b. Yellow taxis in New York
   c. Black taxis in London

C. Inferential Comprehension – True or False

(Write T for True or F for False. Justify your answer in English.)

1. ____ The London Underground is older than the Tokyo subway.

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2. _____ The trams in Melbourne don't use electricity anymore.
3. _____ Double-decker buses can only be found in London.
4. _____ Taxis are faster but more expensive than buses.
5. _____ The Underground is known by different names in different countries.

D. Reflection

- What did you learn about transport in other cities?

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- Which transport would you like to have in Arequipa or your city?

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- How can transport affect our health and the environment?

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