



Travel and transport

Travel

- What makes a journey memorable: the destination, the people, or what happens along the way?
- Have you ever found yourself completely lost or out of your comfort zone while travelling?
- Do you prefer to have a detailed itinerary or leave room for spontaneity?
- Has technology made travelling easier, or has it made us over-reliant on our devices?
- Talk about a memorable journey you have taken.

Train travel

- How often do you travel by train, and what makes you choose rail over other forms of transport?
- What are the main advantages and drawbacks of travelling by train compared with flying or driving?
- Have you ever taken an overnight train? How was the experience?
- What could be done to make train travel more appealing and competitive?
- Do you think trains are a realistic alternative to short-haul flights?

. Public transport, roads and cycling

- How efficient and reliable is public transport where you live?
- Why do some people continue to drive even when public transport is readily available?
- Should governments make driving more expensive in order to encourage people to use public transport?
- What is the biggest obstacle to creating more sustainable urban transport?
- What would encourage more people to cycle to work or school?
- Should cities prioritise cyclists and pedestrians over private cars?
- How far should governments go to make cycling safer? What changes have already been made?

How many car-related words can you think of in 3 minutes?

Think of parts of a car, driving offences, road conditions and things that can go wrong.

Discussion

- At what age should people be allowed to obtain a driving licence? Should the minimum age be higher or lower?
- What does it take to become a competent and responsible driver? Is passing a driving test enough?
- What are the most common causes of road accidents? How could they be prevented?
- What aspects of driving do you find most frustrating or stressful?
- Have you ever been fined for a driving offence or received a parking ticket? Was it justified?
- How severe should the penalties be for speeding, dangerous driving or driving under the influence?
- Should cities introduce more restrictions on private cars, such as congestion charges, low-emission zones or limited parking?
- Would you be willing to give up your car if reliable public transport were available? Why / why not?
- Do you think self-driving cars will make roads safer, or create new problems?