

Travel

1 You need to get to the airport to catch a plane. It's ten miles away, and it's the rush hour. Which do you think is the quickest way of getting there, and why? Choose from the options below.

go by bus go by car go by taxi go by train
 go by motorbike go by bike go on foot

2 Divide these words and phrases into two categories: *cars and taxis* and *buses and trains*.

get a lift	a double decker	share a taxi
hitchhike	take the underground	buy a return ticket
reserve a first class seat	catch the number 9	
miss the inter city express	use public transport	pay the fare
put your foot down	it's delayed	go on the sleeper
miss your connection	change at Swindon	sit in the passenger seat
sit on the top deck	a buffet car	stuck in a traffic jam
get on/off	get in/out of	a bus lane
a taxi rank	hail a taxi	

Cars

Taxis

Buses

Trains

3 What's the difference between the following?

- bus and coach
- train and tram
- helicopter and hovercraft
- passenger and pedestrian
- travel and commute

4 Which word goes with all three sentences in each section? You may need to change the tense of the word.

take

ride

drive

catch

- 1 At the weekend I love to _____ into the country on my bike.
 We went on a _____ in a helicopter last week.
 The bus _____ from the airport was very pleasant.
- 2 The quickest way to get here is to _____ a taxi.
 We _____ the 12.45 to Milan, and changed there.
 How long does it _____ to get there?
- 3 Hurry up! We'll be late if we don't _____ the next bus.
 I'll have to go I'm afraid. I have a train to _____.
 If we don't leave before 5 we'll be _____ in a traffic jam.
- 4 It's a wonderful _____ through the mountains into Switzerland.
 I learned to _____ with my dad, and passed my test four days after my
 seventeenth birthday.
 Do you need a special licence to _____ a minibus?

5 Match the types of trips below to the texts that describe them.

go on a boat trip

go on an excursion

go on a voyage

go on a journey

go on a walk

go on a guided tour

go on an expedition

go on a business trip

- 1 We have been planning it for years. It's one of the last remaining unexplored areas of rainforest in the world, and who knows what we will find there. In the party, there will be scientists and ecologists as well as experienced adventurers because we could discover new species of plants and animals.
- 2 Well, I've booked it. We have to be in front of the hotel at six o'clock in the morning, and, as soon as everybody has taken their seat, we'll set off for Warwick and Stratford. It's motorway most of the way, but there should be some nice views when we get near Warwick. We have two hours at the castle and all afternoon to visit Shakespeare's house. We have to be back on the coach for the drive home at six.
- 3 It was a lovely afternoon, so we put on our coats and boots and headed off for Hare Hill. We took the dog, too. The path along the river is very narrow so we went in single file until we reached Newbridge village. And it's a really steep climb to the top of the hill. We were exhausted by the time we got home.

- 4 We went up on deck. The strong breeze immediately hit us in the face. I looked far out across the huge desert of green-blue that lay before us, but I could see no land. It would be three more days before we reached the coast of South America.
- 5 There were hundreds of people on the platform, and, carrying two suitcases, and a rucksack on his back, William began to worry that he wouldn't be able to find his seat. It would take two days travelling on this old train across some of the most lonely and beautiful scenery in the world before he reached the little village in the foothills where he was going to work.
- 6 'I'll be arriving at Linate Airport at 3, travelling club class. Could you arrange for a driver to be waiting for me? I have to be at Head Office for the meeting at four thirty. I will only be carrying hand luggage – a briefcase and an overnight bag – so I shouldn't be delayed in customs.'
- 7 It was the highlight of the holiday. We booked a trip along the River Umacinta between Mexico and Guatemala. It was wonderful. We travelled for two hours past forested banks watching the alligators, visited a Mayan ruin, and stopped for lunch in an old village.
- 8 'On the left, you can see St Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren. We're going inside now. Could you all stay together, please?'

Write a description of a trip you have been on.

6 Who is speaking and where are they?

- a. How much is it to the next stop?
- b. A return to Reading, please – with a student travel card.
- c. May I see your passport, please?
- d. Would you like a lift?
- e. Put your seatbelt on, please.
- f. Where to, mate?
- g. On today's flight we will be flying at 10,000 feet.

7 Prepare to talk about the most unusual or exciting journey you have ever been on.

- a. Where did you go?
- b. Who did you go with?
- c. How did you travel?
- d. What did you see and what happened during the journey?
- e. What was special about it?

Tell the class about the journey.