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1. Look at the word cloud and answer the questions.
A. Which of the means of transport have two wheels?

F. Which of the means of transport have you never
B. Which of the means of transport are used on water?
C. Which of the means of transport can carry more than five people?
D. Which of the means of transport need tracks?
E. Which of the means of transport did you use the last time you were on holiday? travelled by but would like to try?
2. Complete the gaps with the words in the boxes (one gap doesn't need a word). Then, answer the questions.

A. It's sometimes faster to go $\qquad$ foot than to drive. Is this true where you live?
B. How often do you take $\qquad$ a bus or other means of transport that you need a ticket for?
C. People who go to work $\qquad$ train can use this time to read the news or a book. How do you or would you use the time on public transport?
D. You can't get $\qquad$ of the taxi without paying first. Is this rule always true?
E. People usually put on a helmet before they get $\qquad$ a bike. Do you wear a helmet when you ride a bike, a motorbike or a scooter?
3. Answer the questions and do the tasks.
A. What's the opposite of "get out of a taxi"?
B. What's the opposite of "get on a bike"?
C. Choose the correct answers.
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D. Choose the best words.

1. getting out of/off a lorry
2. getting out of/off a motorbike
3. getting out of/off a train at the right stop
4. getting into/on a car in a busy street
5. getting into/on a crowded bus
E. What can be difficult or dangerous about the activities in D? How can people be careful when they do them?
6. You are going to watch a video about a "bike bus". Guess what the "bike bus" is.
A. It is a school bus which you can get on with your bike.
B. It is a group of people who ride bikes to school together.
C. It is a game which parents play with their kids on their way to school.
D. It is a Friday school trip during which students and teachers ride bikes together.

## 5. Watch the video [https://youtu.be/7HXuo7dExAg] and check your answer in ex. 4.

## 6. Watch the video again and choose the correct answers.

A. When the "bike bus" started, only five families were part of it, and now there are 56/50 or more/60 or more people.
B. One of the boys says that when he gets to school, he isn't sleepy/hungry/thirsty anymore.
C. The kids on the "bike bus" know that they need to keep their family/their friends/space around them.
D. When the parents use a special light/button/road, they get more time to go through the junction (=where roads cross).
E. The speaker at the end of the video thinks that the "bike bus" is about doing something that is not boring/typical/safe.

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7. Complete the statements with your own ideas. Compare your ideas with others.

- I think the idea of a "bike bus" is...
- I think people get on the "bike bus" because...
- Thanks to the "bike bus", children can learn...
- People in my town would/wouldn't want to have a "bike bus" because...

8. Match the sentence halves to create statements.
A. I love the "bike bus" because it's much better for the environment
B. I think buses are not very convenient
C. Towns with a lot of cycle lanes
D. You should get a monthly bus pass
E. People who carpool save money
F. If you move around town a lot,
9. use public transport.
10. have a lot of cyclists.
11. because they are often late and crowded.
12. if you use the bus a lot.
13. than cars.
14. because they share costs with other people in the car.
15. Complete the gaps with the words and phrases in bold in ex. 8. Then, discuss the questions.
A. In your opinion, which means of transport is the most
$\qquad$ in cities?
B. What types of public transport do people use to
$\qquad$ where you live?
C. How much is a $\qquad$ where you live? Is it cheap or too expensive?
D. Trains and buses are $\qquad$ than cars, so they should be free. Do you agree? Why/Why not?
E. Should there be more $\qquad$ in your town? Why/Why not?
$\qquad$ where you live? What
F. How often do people are some advantages and disadvantages of this activity?

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10. Give your partner reasons why your means of transport is better than theirs (or why your partner's means of transport is worse). Each time you give a reason, use a phrase in the box. Continue until you use each phrase in the box at least once.

EXAMPLE: Student A: bus, Student B: scooter

| bus pass | convenient |
| :--- | :--- |
| get off | get on |

Student A: Going by bus is convenient because you can sit down and read a book.
Student B: Unfortunately, you can't sit down if the bus is crowded. And if you go by bus, you have to get off at a stop. But, if you choose a scooter, you can stop anywhere.

Student A: You're right. But a bus is cheaper than a scooter if you have a monthly bus pass.

Student B: Sure, it's cheaper. But if a bus is crowded, you can't get on and you have to wait for the next one.
A. Student A: motorbike, Student B: skateboard

| move around | cycle lanes |
| :--- | :--- |
| environment | get on |

B. Student A: train, Student B: taxi

| convenient <br> move around | get out of <br> train pass |
| :--- | :--- |

C. Student A: bike, Student B: car

| carpool | cycle lanes |
| :--- | :--- |
| get into | get off |

D. Student A: ferry, Student B: canoe

| convenient | environment |
| :--- | :--- |
| on foot | get out of |

