

"25 minutes of English"

Lesson5.

Topic: "Getting around the town"

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Public Transport

S Task 15a. Look at the means of public transport. Match the words with pictures. What public transport do you personally use?

tram	underground	coach	omnibus
	double-decker		trolley-bus
cab	shuttle bus	commuter train	jitney



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Task 15b. Match the words with their definitions.

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| 1. tram | a) a small bus or minibus which typically operates service on a fixed route, sometimes scheduled |
| 2. trolley-bus | b) a vehicle that has two levels for passengers or cargo, one deck above the other |
| 3. cab | c) an rapid transit rail system that carries passengers from one station to another |
| 4. jitney | d) a large motor vehicle, a bus, used for taking passengers on excursions and on longer distance between cities or countries |
| 5. shuttle bus | e) An electric bus that draws its electricity from overhead wires using spring-loaded trolley poles |
| 6. double-decker | f) a horse-drawn motorized wagon for passenger transport to carry passengers |
| 7. underground | g) a passenger rail vehicle which runs on tracks along public urban streets and also sometimes on separate rights of way |
| 8. coach | h) a public transport bus service designed to quickly transport people between two points |
| 9. omnibus | i) a passenger rail transport service that primarily operates between a city center, and the middle to outer suburbs |
| 10. commuter train | j) a vehicle for hire with a driver, used by a single passenger or small group of passengers, often for a non-shared ride |

R**Task 16a. Read the text. What means of public transport did you find? Name them.****Benefits of Public Transport**

Public transportation includes a variety of different vehicles, including buses, trolleys, commuter trains, streetcars, cable cars, van shuttle services, ferries and water taxis. In difficult economic times, choosing public transportation can be a great way to save money and the family budget. Using public transportation also creates a healthier, more active lifestyle for individuals. Walking to and from public transit stops allows people to gain additional daily exercise.



Public transportation also increases mobility options for non-drivers, especially senior citizens. For tourists, public transportation has easy and convenient access to all that a city has to offer. In large cities where parking expenses are high, public transportation allows individuals to visit local businesses and attractions more frequently for less money. In rural areas, public transportation fosters the growth of business districts and shopping malls. The growing popularity and use of public transportation makes a lasting, positive impact on the environment. Public transport pollutes the air and surrounding less than other means of transport.

Task 16b. Answer the questions.

1. What means of public transport are mentioned in the text? Translate them.
2. What are pluses to choose public transport?
3. How can tourists benefit from public transport?
4. How does public transport influence on city and rural area?
5. Why does it have a positive impact on the environment?