



Transport and Travel

Multiple matching: ways to travel around a city | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0510/0511

1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner before you read.

1. What is the easiest way to travel around a busy city?
2. When might public transport be better than travelling by car?
3. What problems can tourists have when choosing transport?
4. Which transport option is best for short journeys where you live?

Exercise 2 at a glance

Read four short descriptions. For each statement, choose the correct transport option, A-D. One option may be used more than once. Read the whole detail carefully before you choose.

2. Read for overall understanding

Read the four texts. Which transport option would be most useful in your area? Give a reason.

Getting Around the City

A River tram

The river tram is slower than the underground, but many visitors choose it for their first journey because it gives them a clear view of the city. It stops near several museums and the old market, so people do not need to change lines. Commuters rarely use it in winter because the open deck is cold, although the indoor seats are comfortable. Tickets can be bought on board, but passengers pay less if they use the city travel card. It is best for people who are not in a hurry and want to understand where different districts are. Guides sometimes recommend it before a walking tour, as passengers can recognise bridges and landmarks later.

B Metro line

The metro is the fastest choice for crossing the city during rush hour. Trains run every few minutes, and the platforms have clear signs in several languages. Tourists sometimes avoid it because the map looks complicated at first, but staff at the main stations give free route cards. The metro does not reach the airport; passengers have to change to a bus for the final part of that journey. Late at night, there are fewer trains, so people returning from concerts should check the timetable carefully. It is reliable for work journeys, but less useful if someone wants to enjoy the view.

C Bike-share scheme

The bike-share scheme is popular with students and office workers who make short trips. Riders unlock a bicycle with an app and leave it at any official parking point. The first thirty minutes are included in the daily pass, which makes it cheaper than a taxi for quick journeys. However, the app asks users to confirm the bike has been locked, and fines are added if they forget. The scheme is not recommended for visitors who are nervous in traffic, even though some streets have separate cycle lanes. Helmets are not supplied, so regular users often bring their own from home.

D Airport express bus

The airport express bus runs from the central station to the airport without stopping at smaller neighbourhoods. It is not as cheap as the ordinary bus, but it has luggage space and a screen showing flight information. Local residents sometimes use it when the trains are delayed, although it is mainly designed for travellers with suitcases. Tickets must be bought before boarding, either online or from the machine outside the station. During holidays, passengers are advised to arrive early because seats fill quickly. Drivers will not sell tickets, even if someone has missed the machine.

3. Strategy focus

Watch for limits and exceptions

A transport option may sound useful, but the text may add a limit, such as not reaching the airport or being less popular in winter. Use the exact limit to choose the answer.

4. Exam-style matching questions

For each statement, write the correct letter, A, B, C or D, on the line.

No.	Which transport option...	A-D
1	is aimed mostly at passengers who are travelling with bags
2	helps new visitors build a mental picture of the city
3	can become more expensive if users forget to complete the final action
4	requires passengers to use another form of transport for the last part of an airport journey
5	costs less for people who already have a city travel pass
6	works best when the journey is brief rather than across the whole city
7	gives passengers travel information linked to departures
8	can look confusing before visitors receive help with the route
9	is avoided by many daily users when outdoor conditions are uncomfortable

5. Vocabulary notebook

Underline five useful words or phrases. Check their meaning, then record them in your vocabulary notebook.

6. Follow-up tasks

1. Discussion: Which option would be best for an older traveller, and why?
2. Strategy: Highlight the sentence where you found each answer. Label it with the question number.
3. Writing: Write a short message advising a visitor how to reach the airport.
4. Vocabulary: Circle transport words and phrases, then add two more from your own city.

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2. Read for overall understanding

Suggested answer: Students' own answers, but they should refer to one or more details from the texts.

4. Exam-style matching questions

1. D
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. C
7. D
8. B
9. A

Notes for checking

Learners should match the statement to the exact detail in the text.

An option may be used more than once.

If learners disagree, ask them to highlight and label the sentence that proves their answer.