



# Transport and Travel

Multiple choice: independent travel | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0510/0511

## 1. Lead-in discussion

Talk with a partner before you read.

1. Would you enjoy travelling overnight by ferry?
2. What can make a journey feel stressful?
3. Why do some travellers prefer slower routes?
4. How should people prepare for a long journey?

### Exercise 4 at a glance

Read one longer text and answer six multiple-choice questions. Choose A, B or C. The correct answer may depend on attitude, purpose or a detail across a whole paragraph, not just one matching word.

## 2. Read for overall understanding

Read the article. What did Ravi learn from the ferry journey?

### Taking the night ferry

by Ravi Morgan

I had never travelled overnight without my parents before, so taking the night ferry to visit my cousin felt more serious than a normal trip. I chose the ferry because flights were expensive during the holiday week, and the train route involved changing stations twice with luggage. The ferry looked slow on the timetable, but it left from a port near our town and arrived early enough for my cousin to meet me after breakfast. That practical convenience mattered more than speed.

The first problem happened before boarding. A message announced that the ferry would leave forty minutes late because strong wind had delayed its arrival. I immediately worried about missing my morning bus connection. An older passenger told me that ferry travel required a different attitude. She said a delay at sea was not like a late bus that might make you miss school; it was something you planned around by leaving space in your timetable. I had not done that very well.

Once we boarded, I expected to feel trapped, but the ferry was calmer than I had imagined. Families spread blankets on seats, cyclists locked their bikes near the vehicle deck, and a few students revised at tables beside the windows. I had paid extra for a reclining seat, but I spent the first hour walking around because the lights of the harbour looked beautiful from the outside deck. I realised I had been thinking of the ferry only as transport, not as part of the journey itself.

Sleeping was not easy. The engine vibrated, and an announcement woke everyone when we passed through rougher water. However, I felt safer than I expected because staff explained what was happening before people became nervous. In the morning, we were still late, but my cousin had checked the arrival updates and changed our plans. We skipped the early museum visit and went for breakfast near the port instead, which turned out to be the best part of the day.

I would not choose the ferry for every journey. It is too slow if you need to arrive at an exact time, and you have to carry essentials in a small bag because large luggage is awkward. But the trip changed how I judge travel. A plane may save hours, yet it can make every minute feel rushed. The ferry reminded me that travel can also be a pause between places, as long as you give it enough time.

### 3. Strategy focus

#### Track the writer's attitude

Notice how the writer feels at the beginning, during the problem and at the end. Some answers depend on this change.

### 4. Exam-style multiple-choice questions

For each question, choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

#### Question 1

Why did Ravi choose the ferry?

- A It was the fastest route to his cousin's home.
- B His parents insisted he should avoid flying.
- C It was convenient and avoided expensive or awkward alternatives.

#### Question 2

What did the older passenger suggest about ferry travel?

- A Delays at sea are usually very dangerous.
- B Travellers should allow extra time for delays.
- C Bus connections are easier than ferry timetables.

#### Question 3

What surprised Ravi after boarding?

- A The journey itself became enjoyable.
- B The ferry was almost empty.
- C His reclining seat was not available.

#### Question 4

Why did Ravi feel safer during rougher water?

- A The ferry stopped moving until morning.
- B Staff explained the situation clearly.
- C Passengers were told to stay outside.

#### Question 5

How did the late arrival affect the next morning?

- A Ravi and his cousin changed their plans successfully.
- B Ravi missed the whole day with his cousin.
- C They had to return to the ferry port immediately.

#### Question 6

What is Ravi's final view of ferry travel?

- A It is always better than flying.
- B It works best for exact arrival times.
- C It can be rewarding if travellers are not in a hurry.

### 5. Follow-up tasks

1. Discussion: Would you prefer a fast journey or a more relaxed one? Why?
2. Strategy: Check one question by finding the sentence before and after the evidence.
3. Writing: Write advice for someone taking an overnight journey for the first time.
4. Vocabulary: Circle words and phrases connected to travel, delays and transport choices.

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## 2. Read for overall understanding

Suggested answer: He learned that slower travel can feel calmer and more memorable if you prepare properly and accept delays.

## 4. Exam-style multiple-choice questions

1. C; 2. B; 3. A; 4. B; 5. A; 6. C

1. C - Flights were expensive and the train involved difficult changes, while the ferry port was nearby.
2. B - She says ferry delays are something you plan around with space in the timetable.
3. A - He enjoys walking around and seeing the harbour lights.
4. B - Staff explained what was happening before people became nervous.
5. A - They skipped the museum and had breakfast near the port.
6. C - He says it is slow but can be a pause between places if given time.