



VOCABULARY BANK

Transport and Travel

Transport and Travel | Bank 1: public transport, cycling and commuting | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Quick confidence check

Before you study the topic, mark the column that best describes your confidence with each word or phrase.

Word or phrase	New to me	I recognise it	I can use it
public transport	☐	☐	☐
commute	☐	☐	☐
traffic congestion	☐	☐	☐
rush hour	☐	☐	☐
cycle lane	☐	☐	☐
pedestrian crossing	☐	☐	☐
journey time	☐	☐	☐
affordable	☐	☐	☐
convenient	☐	☐	☐
environmentally friendly	☐	☐	☐
It saves time...	☐	☐	☐
One disadvantage is...	☐	☐	☐

2. Vocabulary bank

Here are some useful words, adjectives, verbs and chunks that can be reused in exam answers. If you are not sure of their meaning, check online or ask your teacher.

Category	Useful vocabulary
Everyday travel	public transport, bus route, train station, ticket machine, timetable, journey time, commute to school, get off at the next stop
Roads and safety	traffic congestion, rush hour, cycle lane, pedestrian crossing, wear a helmet, follow the rules, avoid accidents
Describing transport	affordable, reliable, convenient, crowded, delayed, environmentally friendly, comfortable, accessible
Opinion chunks	It saves time..., One disadvantage is..., It would be better if..., I prefer travelling by..., Public transport is useful because...

3. Match the meaning

Match each word or phrase with the correct meaning. Then choose four and write your own examples.

Word or phrase	Meaning
1. commute	a. the busiest time of day for travel
2. traffic congestion	b. not too expensive
3. rush hour	c. travel regularly between home and work
4. cycle lane	d. able to be trusted to work well or arrive on time
5. affordable	e. too many vehicles on the road, causing slow movement
6. reliable	f. a part of the road for people riding bicycles

4. Build useful chunks

Choose useful chunks from the grid. Then write three natural sentences you could use in a speaking or writing answer.

commute	use public transport	check the timetable
avoid rush hour	reduce traffic congestion	wear a helmet
more affordable than...	an environmentally friendly option	a convenient way to travel

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Read in context

Read the text. The bold words are from the vocabulary bank.

Getting Around the City

In many towns and cities, people need a safe and affordable way to get to work. Some **commute** by bus or train, while others walk or cycle if they live nearby. Good **public transport** can make daily routines easier for families.

However, travel is not always simple. During **rush hour**, roads can become busy and **traffic congestion** may increase journey times. If buses are delayed or trains are crowded, people may arrive late or feel stressed before work begins.

Cycling can be a healthy and **environmentally friendly** option, but it also needs careful planning. Cities can make cycling safer by adding a **cycle lane**, improving signs and reminding riders to wear a helmet and use lights at night.

There is no perfect solution for every journey. The best transport system is usually one that is reliable, convenient and affordable. When people have a range of safe choices, they are less likely to depend on cars for every short trip.

6. Check your understanding

Answer the questions in your own words. Use the vocabulary bank where it fits naturally.

READING CHECK

1. Why is good public transport useful for families?

2. What can happen during rush hour?

3. Give two ways cities can make cycling safer.

4. Why is it useful for people to have different transport choices?

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

What does 'commute to school' mean in the text?

- A. Travel regularly between home and school
- B. Go on holiday with classmates
- C. Repair a bicycle
- D. Miss the bus

What is the writer's main view of city transport?

- A. Everyone should travel by car.
- B. Safe and reliable choices make travel easier.
- C. Cycling is always dangerous.
- D. Public transport is never affordable.

7. Use the vocabulary

Task	What to do
Speaking 1	Describe how you usually travel to school and explain one advantage and one disadvantage.
Speaking 2	Discuss this question: How could your local area make travel safer or more convenient?
Writing	Write a short paragraph explaining whether public transport or cycling is better for teenagers.
Review	Return to the confidence table. Choose one item you want to improve and write a clear example sentence.

8. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

- What is the best way to travel around a busy city?
- Should more people cycle to school or work?
- How can public transport be made more reliable?
- Is it better to live close to school or travel further each day?
- What transport problem is common in your local area?

**ANSWER KEY**

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3. Match the meaning

1. c = travel regularly between home and work
2. e = too many vehicles on the road, causing slow movement
3. a = the busiest time of day for travel
4. f = a part of the road for people riding bicycles
5. b = not too expensive
6. d = able to be trusted to work well or arrive on time

6. Check your understanding

1. It can make daily routines easier and give students a safe and affordable way to get to school.
2. Roads can become busy, traffic congestion can increase, and journey times may become longer.
3. Any two from: add cycle lanes, improve signs, remind riders to wear helmets, use lights at night.
4. They are less likely to depend on cars for every short trip.

MCQ 1: A. Travel regularly between home and school.

MCQ 2: B. Safe and reliable choices make travel easier.