

Transports of Delight?

Activity 1

How many different modes of transport can you think of?

Activity 2

Discuss with other students the advantages and disadvantages of 5 of the means of transport you thought of in Activity 1.

Activity 3

Put the correct form of the following idioms into the gaps below.

***to sail through to take on board to miss the boat in the same boat
to go overboard all shipshape***

1. We spent ages tidying and cleaning the classroom so that it wasfor the new teacher.
2. Do you find learning English pronunciation hard?
Yes, I do.
Me too, so we're.....
3. Last year my English teacher offered us free English lessons but I didn't take the opportunity. Now I want them but she's not offering them any more so I've
4. He his last English test with no difficulty at all.
5. She's bought a new English dictionary, a dictionary of phrasal verbs and idioms and a subscription to an English newspaper. It's too much. I think she's
6. He listened carefully to his English teacher's advice and agreed to act on it. You could say that he all the advice he was given.

Activity 4

With your partner choose the correct option in the sentences below.

1. Nearly (a) 25% (b) 50% (c) 75% of all crashes occur on roads in built-up areas.
2. Approximately (a) 33% (b) 50% (c) 66% of all road crashes are due to driving too fast.
3. Approximately (a) 22% (b) 52% (c) 82% of deaths and injuries in road accidents are due to driving while under the influence of alcohol.
4. Estimates suggest that (a) 2% (b) 6% (c) 10% of collisions on roads happen when the driver is tired and/or falls asleep at the wheel.
5. Defective vehicles account for approximately (a) 5% (b) 10% (c) 15% of road crashes.

Activity 5

Read the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. What do you think should be done to increase road safety?
2. At what age, or in what circumstances, should people stop driving for good?
3. What can be done to encourage people to use their cars less and public transport more?
4. Winston Churchill said "Cars are the curse of the 20th century". To what extent do you think they will be the curse of the 21st century too?

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Activity 6

Read the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. What annoys you most about other drivers?
2. Have you ever broken the speed limit, driven the wrong way along a one-way street, overtaken on the inside, driven while drunk, etc?
3. How would your life be different if cars were banned? Think of three ways in which you would *benefit* from the banning of cars.

Activity 7

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. Is the article "The sky's the limit – or is it?" mainly about the Boeing 747 or the Airbus A380?
2. Who said that the aircraft was as easy to handle "as a bicycle"?
3. Which four countries comprise the international consortium known as EADS?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 8

'In sixty years' time cars will be history.'

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