

## 8 Travelling and tourism, means of transport

- Ways of travelling and kinds of travellers; hitchhiking pros and cons
- Advantages and disadvantages of using different means of transport
- Travelling around the CR vs. abroad, your preferences
- At the airport
- Buying a train ticket
- Ways of spending holiday/vacation
- Holiday accommodation (hotel vs. hostel, campsite...), food, activities...

Travelling gives you the opportunity to learn about different cultures, meet new people and see unusual places.

There are many ways of travelling. The most primitive one and maybe the cheapest is travelling **on foot**. You can take a longer walk or a trip and you can get almost everywhere on your foot. For **shorter distances**, **bicycle** is a good **means of transport** as it is relatively quick, economical and **environmentally friendly**. You can travel by **motorbike** which is convenient only in the summer. People travel by car, bus or coach, train, plane, or boat.

In cities, transport is provided by different means such as buses, trolleybuses, trams, taxis or **underground**.

Car is by far the most popular means of transport. Travelling by car is fast and **comfortable**, and you get to your **destination** without waiting for hours. However, the high number of cars on the roads leads to more **car accidents**. Also, roads are often **crowded** with cars and **lorries**.

**Hitchhiking** is a very specific way of travelling. It is mainly used by the young who do not need so much comfort, do not have so much money and are not afraid of **taking risks**. Hitchhiking can take you even to the most **distant** countries.

### Means of transport

#### car

Advantages: comfortable and fast, enough space for **luggage**, you can go anywhere and whenever you need to, you can stop where you want

Disadvantages: expensive (**fuel, repair services**), dangerous, **traffic jams**, **polluting** the environment, you have to pass a driving test to get the **driving licence**

#### bus/coach

Advantages: quite fast, wide network of bus services – you can get almost everywhere, reduced **fare** for students, modern buses are comfortable

Disadvantages: expensive fare, some old buses are dirty, crowded, and uncomfortable, you have to follow the **timetable** and come **on time**

#### train

Advantages: more comfortable and safer than a car or a bus, you can have a meal in the restaurant car, you can use a bathroom on board

Disadvantages: you have to follow the timetable and come on time, it is sometimes necessary to **change trains** and wait for another **connection**, trains are often **delayed** and sometimes dirty, you cannot get everywhere by train

## plane

Advantages: the best, fastest and most comfortable for long distances, food and drinks are served **on board**, less dangerous than other means of transport

Disadvantages: expensive and **environmentally unfriendly**, you have to be at the airport 2 hours before your **departure** to **check-in**, you have to go through strict **security control** because of terrorist attacks, you have to observe special rules before **taking off** and **landing**

## Going on holidays

When on holidays, people can stay in **hotels**, **guesthouses** or **bed and breakfasts** which is the most comfortable but also the most expensive type of **accommodation**. Going **camping**, on the other hand, is the least comfortable but the cheapest. Young people often choose **hostels** as a cheap and relatively comfortable way of accommodation. In a hostel, you may share a room with people you have never seen before.

You can either use the services of a **travel agency** and buy a **package holiday** where everything is included (travel expenses, accommodation, food, admission fees, tickets) or organise everything by yourself.

## What to do on holidays

Some people prefer **activity holidays** (hiking, skiing, rafting, sailing, fishing, scuba diving) to lazy holidays on the beach (just lying and **sunbathing**). If you are going to a city, like London or Paris, you will probably want to see some museums, cathedrals, and other famous **landmarks**. This is called **sightseeing**. You can do this by yourself, or **hire a guide** to show you all the most important **sights** and tell you about them.

## Questions:

- Do you like travelling? Tell me about it.
- Do you take a map when you are going on a trip?
- What is better for you: travelling by bus or travelling by train?
- Have you ever been abroad? Tell me about it.
- Would you like to travel to Japan? Why? / Why not?
- If you had enough money, which country would you travel to? Why?
- Do you travel? Tell me about it.
- Do you have a GPS when you go on a trip?
- Do you use online webcams?
- What is better for you: travelling by car or travelling by plane?
- Have you ever been to Italy? Tell me about it. / Why not?
- Would you like to travel to the USA? Why? / Why not?
- Which country would you never want to travel to? Why? Tell me about it.