

Public Transportation

Discussion Topic Pack

A warm-up, vocabulary, and graded discussion questions for talking about **Public Transportation**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

Warm-up: What is your favorite way to travel in your city?

1 · Vocabulary

Word	Meaning	Example
bus	A large vehicle that carries many passengers on a set route.	<i>I take the bus to work every morning.</i>
train	A series of connected cars that run on tracks and carry passengers.	<i>The train arrives at the station at 9 o'clock.</i>
ticket	A piece of paper or card that allows you to travel on public transport.	<i>She bought a ticket for the subway.</i>
schedule	A plan that shows the times when buses or trains arrive and leave.	<i>The bus schedule says the next bus comes in ten minutes.</i>
stop	A place where a bus or train picks up or drops off passengers.	<i>Our house is near a bus stop.</i>
platform	The area at a train station where passengers wait for the train.	<i>We waited on the platform for the train to arrive.</i>
fare	The price you pay to travel on public transport.	<i>The fare for a short bus ride is two dollars.</i>
commute	To travel regularly between home and work or school.	<i>He commutes by train every day.</i>

2 · Discussion Questions

Take turns asking and answering — try to give a full answer, not just yes or no.

- 1 How often do you use public transportation?
- 2 Which type of public transport do you use most often?
- 3 What is the most convenient bus stop near your home?
- 4 Do you prefer taking a bus or a train? Why?
- 5 How do you buy a ticket for the bus or train?
- 6 What time do you usually start your commute?
- 7 What problems have you experienced with public transportation?
- 8 How could public transportation be improved in your city?
- 9 What are the benefits of using public transport for the environment?
- 10 Do you think everyone should use public transportation instead of a car? Why or why not?

3 · Extension

Try this: Role-play: One student is a ticket clerk at a train station and the other is a passenger who needs a ticket to the city centre. The passenger asks about the fare, the schedule, and the best platform to catch the train.