

Advice Column

problems about *bus travel*

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



Ask Anita!

Dear Anita,

I just arrived in Seattle two days ago, and I plan to stay here for the summer and study English and do some sightseeing. My problem is that my English classes start next week and I'm afraid to take the bus to school. I'm afraid that I'll take the wrong bus and wrong bus route or that maybe I'll get off at the wrong bus stop and be late for class. Or maybe I'll get completely lost! I don't have enough money to take a taxi every day. What advice can you give me?

Ming

Dear Anita,

I take the bus downtown to go to work every day. I always buy a month pass, so it's not very expensive. Also, I have a bus schedule and the bus is never late, so it's very convenient. However, the bus is always very crowded so I almost never have a chance to sit down – I have to stand up for almost an hour every morning. This is a problem because I work as a cashier at a supermarket, and I have to stand up all day at work.

Noel

By the time I get home in the evening, my feet are killing me! What do you suggest?

Maryam

Dear Anita,

I think the problem I have with taking buses is one that many people have. When I get on a bus, and there are no seats, the bus driver asks me to move to the back. That's OK, but when I want to get off the bus, I have to push my way past a lot of people to even get to the rear door. I find this very stressful. But I don't know what I can do about it.



- Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?