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## READING

# How to Travel by Bus!



### Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|--------------------------|----------|---|
| 1. public transportation | <u>E</u> | A. a small piece of practical advice                |
| 2. motorized             | _____    | B. the place to which somebody / something is going |
| 3. tip                   | _____    | C. a ticket used for bus travel to many places      |
| 4. departure             | _____    | D. having an engine                                 |
| 5. destination           | _____    | E. a system of buses, trains, etc. used for travel  |
| 6. bus pass              | _____    | F. money you pay to travel                          |
| 7. board                 | _____    | G. to get on a ship, aircraft, train, or bus        |
| 8. fare                  | _____    | H. the act of leaving a place                       |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Change the forms of verbs and nouns when necessary.

1. How much is the bus fare in your city? Is it expensive?
2. I need some advice about finding a job. What are some good \_\_\_\_\_?
3. Our city needs better \_\_\_\_\_. It needs more buses.
4. We need to hurry! Our plane \_\_\_\_\_ time is at 3:45.
5. How long ago was the first \_\_\_\_\_ car invented?
6. Bus fare is cheaper when you have a student \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Where are you traveling to? What's your \_\_\_\_\_?
8. Should we use the front door or the back door to \_\_\_\_\_ the bus?

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Topic: Bus / Transportation

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**Public transportation**<sup>1</sup> certainly has changed since the very first **motorized**<sup>2</sup> bus appeared in 1895. One thing that hasn't changed, however, is that millions of people around the world continue to use buses daily to get to where they want to go. If you are thinking of taking a bus, here are a few useful **tips**<sup>3</sup> that can help make your trip a successful one.

### **Before you get on a bus**

First, decide exactly when and where you want to get on a bus and, of course, where you want to get off the bus. The easiest way to do this is to go online and search the name of your town or city – followed by the words “bus map.” After you fill in the **departure**<sup>4</sup> and **destination**<sup>5</sup> information, the website will tell you the number of the bus that will take you to where you want to go, and the time that bus will depart and arrive. Sometimes, if you are very lucky, you might find a bus shelter that has a bus schedule. If you want to pay for your trip with a bus ticket, or a **bus pass**<sup>6</sup>, you will need to buy one before you get on the bus. They are usually sold at convenience stores. Make sure that you arrive at the bus stop at least a few minutes early so you don't miss it. And, finally, it might be a good idea to signal to the bus driver that you want the bus to stop. You can do this by waving your hand.

### **While you are on a bus**

Make sure that you first let passengers get off the bus before you get on. You should know that many buses only allow passengers to **board**<sup>7</sup> through the front doors, while the back doors are used for passengers who are getting off. After you board, you can either put the exact **fare**<sup>8</sup> into the fare box or show your pass to the driver. You may need to ask the driver for a transfer ticket if you need to transfer to (change to) another bus. You may also need to stand if there are no seats available. Remember that seats closer to the front of the bus are for older people and people with special needs.

### **When you get off a bus**

Press a button (or pull a line) before you get to your stop – to let the driver know you want to get off the bus. It should make a sound. Be very careful when you get off – make sure there are no cars or other objects in your way.

What other useful bus tips can you think of?

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## Grammar Practice

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**1.**

- (A) exacts
- (B) exactly
- (C) exact

**2.**

- (A) get down
- (B) get off
- (C) get out

**3.**

- (A) yours
- (B) you’re
- (C) your

**4.**

- (A) fill in
- (B) fill
- (C) filled

**5.**

- (A) will tell
- (B) going to tell
- (C) is tell

**6.**

- (A) departs
- (B) departure
- (C) depart

**7.**

- (A) luck
- (B) lucky
- (C) good luck

**8.**

- (A) had
- (B) have
- (C) has

**9.**

- (A) with
- (B) on
- (C) at

**10.**

- (A) sold
- (B) selling
- (C) sell

**11.**

- (A) so
- (B) because
- (C) but

**12.**

- (A) were
- (B) are
- (C) can

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### How Much Do You Understand?

● **Complete the statements.**

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Many people around the          | A. find out local bus information.     |
| 2. You can go online to            | B. the bus before you board.           |
| 3. You can buy a bus ticket or     | C. get off a bus.                      |
| 4. You should arrive at a bus stop | D. a few minutes early.                |
| 5. Let passengers get off          | E. world take the bus every day.       |
| 6. Be careful when you             | F. a bus pass before you get on a bus. |

### Discuss

● **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**

1. How often do you take a bus? Do you like taking a bus? Why? / Why not?
2. Has anything funny or strange happened while you were on a bus?
3. How might taking a bus in the USA be different from other countries?
4. The article offers several practical tips for taking a bus. What three other pieces of advice can you think of?

### Write

● **The article offers several practical tips for taking a bus. What three other pieces of advice can you think of?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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# WRITING

## How to Travel by Bus!

- *Imagine that you took a bus for the very first time ... and that many things went wrong! Write a funny short story about what happened. Use past tense grammar in your story.*

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## Title "How to Travel by Bus!"

**Grammar Focus** Mixed: Imperative, Present Simple

**Vocabulary** 443 words

**A1** words-76% / **A2** words-16% / **B1** words-5% / **B2** words-1% /

**C1** words-0% / **C2** words-0% / **Off List**-1%

**AWL** Words in this text: *available, finally, schedule, transfer, transportation*

Vocabulary Analysis by: [vocabkitchen.com](http://vocabkitchen.com)

**Level** Intermediate to Upper Intermediate (CEFR B1 – B2)

### ANSWER KEY Page 1

#### ● Vocabulary

- |      |                          |
|------|--------------------------|
| 1. E | 1. fare                  |
| 2. D | 2. tips                  |
| 3. A | 3. public transportation |
| 4. H | 4. departure             |
| 5. B | 5. motorized             |
| 6. C | 6. bus pass              |
| 7. G | 7. destination           |
| 8. F | 8. bus                   |

### ANSWER KEY Page 3

#### ● Grammar

- |      |       |
|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. B  |
| 2. B | 8. C  |
| 3. C | 9. B  |
| 4. A | 10. A |
| 5. A | 11. A |
| 6. C | 12. C |

### ANSWER KEY Page 4

#### ● How Much Do You Understand?

1. Many people around the world (E) take the bus every day.
2. You can go online to (A) find out local bus information.
3. You can buy a bus ticket or (F) a bus pass before you get on a bus.
4. You should arrive at a bus stop (D) a few minutes early.
5. Let passengers get off the bus (B) before you board.
6. Be careful when you (C) get off a bus.

Watch the matching video with subtitles!



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