

1 You can use *by* with most forms of transport when talking in general:

I always go to work *by* car.

It's quicker to go to Birmingham *by* train, you know.

When the weather's good, more people travel *by* bike.

2 You use *in + my/your ... or in + the ...* to talk about a specific car, van, lorry, taxi or ambulance:

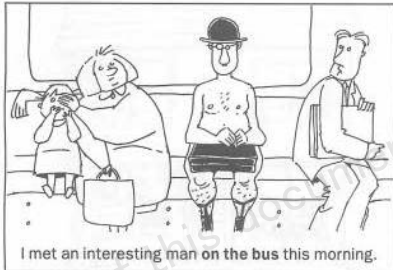
We all went to the party *in* Jim's car.

You haven't been *in* my new car, have you?

They went to hospital *in* the ambulance. I followed *in* the car.

3 You use *on + my/your ... or on + the ...* with a specific bike, horse, coach, bus, ship and plane:

You can buy something to drink *on* the train.



I met an interesting man *on* the bus this morning.

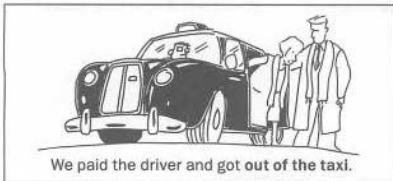


'Excuse me, is there somewhere I can lie down *on* the ship?'

4 If you walk somewhere, you say *on foot*:

Take a taxi – it's too far to go *on foot*.

5 At the start and end of a journey, you talk about getting *in* or *into* and *out of* cars, vans, lorries, taxis and ambulances:



We paid the driver and got *out of* the taxi.



It was difficult for Chris to get *into* the car.

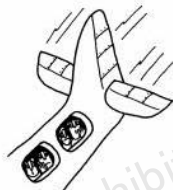
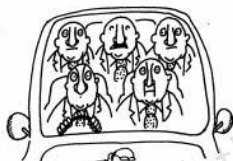
6 At the start and end of a journey by plane, bus, coach, train and ship you talk about getting *on* or *onto* and *off* the type of transport:

Everyone wanted to get *off* the ship as soon as possible. Please do not smoke until you have got *off* the plane.

We got *onto* the train and looked for a seat.

A Complete the sentences in a logical way by matching the phrases:

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| 1 Everyone | by car | felt very nervous. |
| 2 I first travelled | on the coach | when I was 14. |
| 3 It's cheaper | by coach | than by train. |
| 4 The nurse | by bicycle | gave me an injection. |
| 5 We watched a video | on the plane | on the way to the airport. |
| 6 If more people went | by plane | there'd be less pollution. |
| 7 I'll take the shopping | in our car | if it's not too heavy. |
| 8 We can take 5 people | on my bicycle | if necessary. |
| 9 When I go | in the ambulance | I take a map. |



B Complete the sentences with *in, into, out of, on, onto, off*:

- We all got _____ the train and walked out of the station.
- Sally parked and got _____ the car quickly.
- We can get _____ the bus here and walk to my house. It's not far.
- The Prime Minister got _____ the Rolls Royce and returned to Downing Street.
- There was a queue of people in the rain patiently waiting to get _____ the coach.
- The driver jumped _____ the lorry and ran to see if he could help the people who had been injured in the crash.
- Mike put the shopping _____ the car and drove home.

C Change these sentences using an expression with *go* and a form of transport:

e.g. I drove to London. I went to London by car.

- Tom is flying to Mexico tomorrow. _____
- Ian walked home after the party. _____
- We caught the train to Bristol. _____
- How much does it cost to take the coach to Paris? _____
- I used to cycle to school every day. _____
- Last year we drove to Scotland. _____
- Sarah always feels seasick when she goes on a ship. _____
- They took a taxi into the city. _____