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Caught in the rush

1 WORD POWER *Compound nouns*

A Match the nouns in columns A and B to make compound nouns.
(More than one answer is possible.)

subway + entrance = subway entrance

A	B
subway	entrance
traffic	stop
bus	light
bicycle	station
stop	sign
parking	lane
street	stand
news	jam
taxi	space



B Pair work How many compound nouns can you make beginning with these words?

police telephone fire train

2 CONVERSATION

A  Listen and practice.

Lynn: Why is there never a bus when you want one?

Sam: Good question. There aren't enough buses on this route.

Lynn: Sometimes I feel like writing a letter to the paper.

Sam: Good idea. You should say that we need more subway lines, too.

Lynn: Yeah. There should be more public transportation in general.

Sam: And fewer cars! There's too much traffic.


Lynn: Say, is that our bus coming?

Sam: Yes, it is. But look. It's full!

Lynn: Oh, no! Let's go and get a cup of coffee. We can talk about this letter I'm going to write.



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B  Listen to the rest of the conversation. What else is wrong with the transportation system in their city?

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Adverbs of quantity

With countable nouns

There are too many cars.
There aren't enough buses.
We need more subway lines.
There should be fewer cars.

With uncountable nouns

There is too much traffic.
There isn't enough parking.
We need more public transportation.
There should be less pollution.

A Complete these statements about transportation problems. Then compare with a partner. (More than one answer may be possible.)

1. There are police officers.
2. There should be cars in the city.
3. There is public transportation.
4. The government needs to build highways.
5. There should be noise.
6. We should have public parking garages.
7. There is air pollution in the city.
8. There are cars parked on the streets.


B Group work Complete these statements about the city you are living in. Then compare with others.

1. The city needs to provide more
2. We have too many
3. There's too much
4. There should be fewer
5. We don't have enough
6. There should be less



4 LISTENING

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A  Listen to someone talk about how Singapore has tried to solve its traffic problems. Check (✓) True or False for each statement.

	True	False
1. Motorists are never allowed to drive into the business district.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. People need a special certificate to be able to buy a car.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Cars cost much more than they do in the United States and Canada.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Public transportation still needs to be improved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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B  Listen again. For the statements that you marked false, write the correct information.

C Class activity Could the solutions adopted in Singapore work in your city? Why or why not?

5 YOU BE THE JUDGE!

A Group work How would you rate the transportation services in your city? Complete the chart. Give each item a rating from 1 to 5.

1 = terrific 2 = good 3 = average (OK) 4 = needs improvement 5 = terrible

..... the train system taxi service the bus system
..... facilities for pedestrians the subway system parking

B Class activity Explain your ratings to the class.

“We gave taxi service a rating of 4. We think the city needs more taxis and cheaper fares. Also, taxi drivers should be more polite.”

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Making the city better

Suggest ways to improve a city.
Turn to page IC-3.






6 WRITING

Write a paragraph about transportation in your city.

Public transportation is good in my city. We have an excellent bus system. The traffic moves quickly, except at rush hour. However, we need more public parking. There aren't enough parking spaces downtown, so it always takes too much time to find a space.

7 SNAPSHOT

Special modes of transportation

				
ferry Hong Kong, China	magnetic levitation (maglev) train Berlin, Germany	gondola Venice, Italy	tuk-tuk Bangkok, Thailand	cable car San Francisco, California, USA

Source: World Book Encyclopedia

Talk about these questions.

Have you used any of these kinds of transportation?

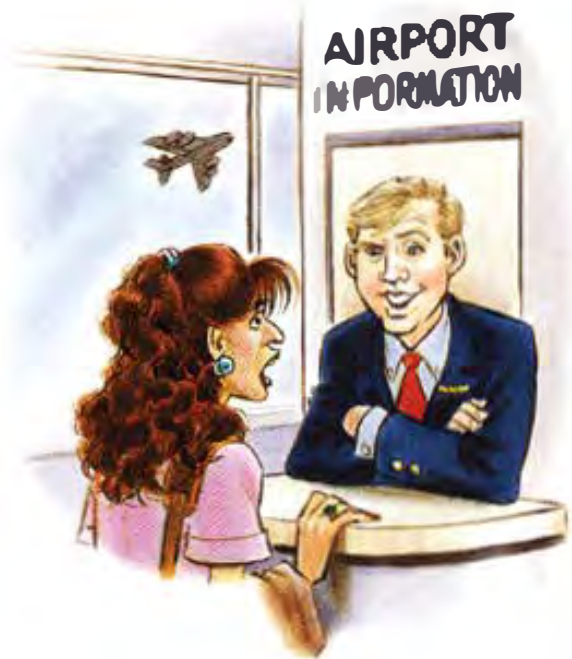
Are there any unusual forms of transportation in your city or country?

What kinds of transportation do you usually use?

8 CONVERSATION

A  Listen and practice.

- Erica: Excuse me. Could you tell me where the bank is?
 Man: There's one upstairs, across from the duty-free shop.
 Erica: Oh, thanks. Do you know what time it opens?
 Man: It should be open now. It opens at 8:00 A.M.
 Erica: Good. And can you tell me how often the buses leave for the city?
 Man: You need to check at the transportation counter. It's right down the hall.
 Erica: OK. And just one more thing. Do you know where the nearest restroom is?
 Man: Right behind you, ma'am. See that sign?
 Erica: Oh. Thank a lot.



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B  Listen to the rest of the conversation. Check (✓) the information that Erica asks for.

- the cost of a taxi to the city the location of a cash machine
 the location of the taxi stand the location of a restaurant

9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Indirect questions from Wh-questions

Wh-questions with be

- Where is the bank?
 Where is the taxi stand?

Indirect questions

- Could you tell me where the bank is?
 Do you know where the taxi stand is?

Wh-questions with do or did

- How often do the buses leave for the city?
 When did Flight 566 arrive?
 What time does the duty-free shop open?

Indirect questions

- Can you tell me how often the buses leave for the city?
 Do you know when Flight 566 arrived?
 Do you know what time the duty-free shop opens?


A Write indirect questions using these Wh-questions. Then compare with a partner.

- How much does a newspaper cost?
- Where is the nearest cash machine?
- What time do the banks open?
- How often do the buses come?
- Where can you get a good hamburger?
- How late do the nightclubs stay open?

B Pair work Take turns asking the questions you wrote in part A. Give your own information when answering.

- A: Do you know how often the buses come?
 B: Every half hour.

10 PRONUNCIATION Question intonation

A  Listen and practice. Wh-questions usually have falling intonation. Indirect questions usually have rising intonation.

What time does the duty-free shop open?

Where is the taxi stand?

Can you tell me what time the duty-free shop opens?

Do you know where the taxi stand is?

B Practice these questions. Pay attention to question intonation.

Where is Adam Street?

Could you tell me where Adam Street is?

What time does the department store open?

Do you know what time the department store opens?

11 TOURISTS

A Pair work What would a tourist visiting your city ask about? Think of six questions about transportation, accommodations, sightseeing, and other services in your city.

B Group work Take turns asking and answering your questions.

A: Can you tell me where the Golden Pavilion is?

B: Let me think. Oh, yes, it's

useful expressions

Let me think. Oh, yes,

I'm not really sure,

but I think

Sorry, I don't know.

It's close to/near

It's on the corner of

It's next to



12 READING

Stuck in an Airport?

What to do . . .

What do people usually do while they're waiting in an airport?

Many people are upset when their flight is delayed. Not only do they have to change their schedule but, even worse, they have to wait in an airport! There's no need to be upset, though. Airports are much better places these days than most people realize.

- **Belief:** Airport food is bad – as bad as airplane food.
- **Reality:** Airports have fine international cuisine – from fresh seafood in London to Korean barbecue in Honolulu. And you can stock up on something to have for later – for example, cheese and caviar in Paris.



- **Belief:** Shopping in airports is great, that is, if you need a T-shirt.
- **Reality:** In Amsterdam, you can buy anything from perfume to diamonds. In El Paso, Texas, you can buy antique knives or regional art. The art is so interesting that some people fly to El Paso just to visit the airport gallery. And Singapore's airport is known for some of the best shopping in the world!
- **Belief:** Airports make people uncomfortable and tense.
- **Reality:** The airport at Honolulu has peaceful gardens. Pittsburgh has a meditation room: When you walk in, relaxing music comes on and pictures of clouds are projected on the walls. If you prefer exercise, hotels at the airports in Los Angeles, Dallas, and many other cities have fitness centers that anyone can use.

So, the next time you're stuck in an airport, have some fun!

A Read the article. In which airport can you do the following? Write the letter of the correct place.

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| 1. meditate surrounded by music and clouds | a. Amsterdam |
| 2. eat Korean barbecue | b. Dallas |
| 3. buy an interesting painting | c. Singapore |
| 4. exercise in a fitness center | d. Honolulu |
| 5. buy a diamond | e. Pittsburgh |
| 6. visit one of the world's best shopping places | f. El Paso |

B Group work Talk about these questions.

1. Which airport mentioned in the article would you prefer to wait in? Why?
2. Imagine your flight is delayed. What would you prefer to do: eat, shop, or relax? Anything else?

interchange 2 **MAKING THE CITY BETTER**

A Read this letter to a local newspaper.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am sick and tired of the traffic in this city! It is so bad that I can never get anywhere on time. There are too many cars on the road, and most of them have only one person in them.

Another problem is the buses. They are so old and slow that nobody wants to take them. They are noisy and very dirty. You can't even see out the windows!

Also, the taxi drivers are rude. They never know where they are going, and they take a long time to get someplace. Taxis are expensive, too. And the subway is just too crowded and dangerous. What are we going to do?

George Grady
Oakville

B Group work Suggest five ways to solve the transportation problems in Oakville.

"Taxi drivers should take classes to learn how to be friendly."

C Class activity Tell your group's ideas to the class. Then decide which suggestions are best.

