

Practice with your Skype Buddy

Below are the words and phrases covered in the materials. You will now have a chance to practise them with your Skype Buddy. Read each question before you meet your buddy. Make a quick plan for each topic question. Try to use the new words you have learnt.

Warm-Up Questions (Short answers)

- Tell me about your best friend.
- What do you usually do with your friends?
- What do you usually talk about with your friends?
- What makes a good friend?

Transport Questions (Long answers – speak for 2 to 3 minutes)

Buddy A should answer all the questions before Buddy B has their turn.

Try to use these words when you answer the questions:

Get around fare punctual congested uncomfortable delayed crowded traffic jam reliable
pedestrian traffic-free-zones transport subsidised cycle lanes accident

- What kinds of improvement have there been in transport in your country in recent years?

Speaking	Listening
Draw a mind map before you start speaking	Write your partner's main ideas.
	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarize) the points you heard.



- Do you think getting to work is easier or more difficult than it used to be?

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	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarize) the points you heard.

- Are there any problems that have been created by new transport systems?

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- Do you think it is safer to travel now than it was in the past?

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- How do you think transport will improve in the future?

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	Ask if there was anything you didn't understand. Tell your partner (summarize) the points you heard.

- Think of a question about transport to ask your partner.
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Role Play

Buddy A: You think that public transport should be paid for by the state.

Buddy B: You like that giving people free transport would do more harm than good. Argue with your Buddy.

Reflection

Discuss how you thought your meeting went with your partner.

- Which questions did you find difficult?
- Did you manage to use all the vocabulary and speaking skills that you planned to use?
- What do you need to improve?

Arrange your next meeting.

