

IELTS Speaking #13 – Topic 1.10: Transports

1. What means of transport do you usually use?

“I don’t have a car so I usually use public transport, you know, like trains, buses, trams, Actually back in Vietnam, I had a motorbike by which I always commute to work but I can’t afford one here so yeah, public transport, but anyway, I find it convenient for me coz I live right next to the train station.”

Từ vựng:

public transport	phương tiện giao thông công cộng
commute	đi lại hàng ngày
afford sth	đủ khả năng chi trả cho cái gì

2. What’s your favorite means of transport?

“My favorite way to travel is by train because it’s quick, convenient, reliable and especially punctual. What I like most about this types of transport is that I can totally forget about traffic congestion as therefore pollution. Plus, the rail fare is quite reasonable, I mean, quite affordable for a student like me.”

Từ vựng:

reliable	đáng tin cậy
punctual	đúng giờ
traffic congestion	tắc đường
rail/bus fare	vé tàu, vé xe bus
affordable	có thể chi trả được

3. How do you like to travel for long trip?

“By plane, of course, coz it doesn’t take me too long to get to my destination. It’s kind of exhausted and unpleasant to me to travel by other types, you know, I don’t want to waste my valuable time just getting there while I can use that time to enjoy and do lots of more important things.”

Từ vựng:

destination	điểm đến
exhausted	kiệt sức
unpleasant	không hài lòng

4. What’s the traffic like in your country?

“Oh, I’m afraid you ask that. It’s terribly bad, I have to say, especially in Hanoi-the capital of my country. You know what, it becomes the last place I’ve ever wanted to live because of the traffic it has. People often give themselves about an hour extra time to arrive on time due to the traffic jam, particularly in rush hours, Just imagine this, Hanoi does really looks like a giant car park, you know. And the traffic network like

traffic lights, transport lane... are all old fashioned. And accidents on the main road seem to happen every day. People always hope to have a better system but it appears to be daydreaming coz it's just getting worse."

Từ vựng:

terribly	quá chừng, cực kỳ
traffic jam	traffic congestion
rush hours	giờ cao điểm
traffic network	mạng lưới giao thông
traffic lights	đèn giao thông
transport lane	làn đường
old fashioned	lạc hậu
daydreaming	mơ giữa ban ngày, hảo huyền

5. How do you think the public transport could be improved?

"I think the best way to better public transport, make it more efficient is that the government should subsidize their budget to upgrade its system and quality. I mean, like, increasing frequency of trains and buses, making it more reliable and punctual for the convenience of commuters, more accessible for people with low income and you know, I think higher fuel prices are going to help too."

Từ vựng:

efficient	hiệu quả
subsidize	trợ cấp
budget	ngân sách
commuters	người đi lại thường xuyên
accessible	có thể tiếp cận được
fuel price	giá xăng dầu

Một số từ vựng khác về chủ đề này các bạn có thể dùng cho câu trả lời riêng của mình. Các bạn hãy tự tra từ điển các từ này để biết nghĩa và cách đọc, cách phát âm của nó nhé. Hãy cố gắng đặt một câu với một từ, một câu có nghĩa nhé, không đặt đối phó.

Nouns

bus system	minicab	transport network	delay
commuter	journey	congestion = traffic jam	fare
rush hour	priority	bus/bicycle/... lane	speed limit
traffic lights	vehicle	pavement=footpath	car park

Verbs

commute

catch (a bus/rain)

Adjectives

government subsidized	old-fashioned
well-organized	inefficient

Idioms

pile-up (=traffic accident)	Sometimes there are serious pile ups on the main roads.
get stuck in traffic (= get stuck in a traffic jam)	Buses always get stuck in traffic during rush hour.

Part 2: Means of transportation

- **Means of transportation in urban and rural areas in your country?**
- **Which means of transportation do you use?**
- **What are the advantages and disadvantages of using it?**

There are many means of transportation in my country. People in the urban areas usually have their own cars or they use the public transport whereas the people in the rural areas tend to travel on bicycles and tractors. People in this world use the means of transportation which are suitable for them. The previous mentioned means of transportation are used to travel within the country whereas the airplanes are used to travel from one county to another.

My favorite means of transportation is a car. I got this car when I was 19 years old. First I used to travel on a bus, but after getting the car my life got a lot of easier and felt that car was a necessity rather than a luxury. First I used to travel on a bus and I never reached my destination on time. There was a day when I missed a bus and due to that I also missed my exam so I got a zero on my exam. I think that the use of a car enables a person to reach on time and it also protects a person from bad weather. There are also some disadvantages attached to the use of car as it is very expensive to keep a car and a person also has to pay for the maintenance charges. Cars also create pollution and traffic congestion.

I still feel that the benefits of using a car outweigh the drawbacks and more and more people in this world are trying to get their own car.

Part 2: Describe a trip that you made by transportation

Recently, i took a coach from Toronto to Montreal to visit my brother. It is a journey that normally takes about 5 hours, but this bus company stops halfway for a 30 minute break.

I chose to travel by public transportation because i do not like driving long distances.

When i travel via bus, i can read or work on my computer or sleep.

I find this helps me arrive relaxed. In fact, i often opt for the public transportation option if i can.

Overall, i felt the journey was quite comfortable. Because it was a coach, the seats were very spacious and reclined enough that i could get some sleep/there was a wifi connection, which is something i haven't seen on a bus before.

I didn't use it, but i saw several other people connect to it. Travelling in the spring also means it was a very scenic journey. To get to Montreal from Toronto you spend a lot of time on highways surrounded by lush green nature, so that was nice.

The price, however, was a little steep. I think i paid \$110 for a return ticket, which, to me, is quite expensive. I suppose it would be cheaper to drive, but i feel arriving fresh is money well spent.

So, on the whole, the entire experience was a positive one. I would highly recommend public transportation to anyone.