

8A *Getting around town*

Activity 1

- A** A: What's happening in each picture?
B: The man is stuck in a traffic jam. He's sitting in his car with the door open.
A: Do these things ever happen to you? How do you feel?
B: I get stuck in traffic a lot. I usually feel really frustrated.
A: Me, too. There's nothing worse than being stuck in a traffic jam.
A: How do you usually get around town on weekdays? on weekends?
B: On weekdays, I take public transportation to get to school. On weekends, I drive my car.
A: I always take public transportation. I don't have my license yet.

Activity 1

- B** A: Slow public transportation is a really big problem.
B: I agree. Sometimes it takes me two hours to get to work by bus.

Activity 2

- A** A: In the past week, how many times have you traveled by car?
B: I guess about 10 times. How about you?
A: Just once. My friend drove me home last Tuesday.

Activity 2

- B** A: When was the last time you used each type of transportation?
B: The last time I traveled by car was last weekend.
C: I traveled by car yesterday.
A: Where did you go? How long did it take?
B: I visited my grandparents. It took two hours.
C: I drove to the supermarket. It took 10 minutes.
D: Why did you travel this way? Did you experience any problems?
B: My grandparents live in the country. We ran into a traffic jam when we got back to the city.

Activity 3

- A** A: I think the first sign means "Watch for bikes."
B: Do you think so? I think it means "Bike lane."

Activity 3

- D** A: What traffic and transportation problems are common where you live?
B: Dangerous drivers are a problem where I live.
C: And dangerous bikers.
A: What solutions could solve the problems?
B: There should be more police to catch them.
C: I agree. There should also be stronger laws for bad driving.
A: What is the worst transportation experience you've ever had?
B: I took a taxi once, and the driver tried to charge me \$200 instead of \$20.

Activity 4

- A** A: What's the best way to get to these places from your school?
B: The best way to get to the bus station is by subway.
A: Actually, it's easier and faster to walk. And it's cheaper, too!

Activity 4

- B** A: Excuse me. Can you tell me how to get to the bus station?
B: Sure. Go down this street for two blocks. Then turn right. You'll see it on your left.

8B *Going places*

Activity 1

- A** A: Have you traveled on a ferry, a high-speed train, or a plane?
B: I flew in a plane once. It was really exciting. How about you?
A: I've traveled on high-speed trains many times.
- A: What types of transportation would you like to try?
B: I'd like to try the new high-speed train. I've heard it travels at 300 kilometers per hour.
A: Wow! That's incredible!
- A: Do you prefer to go to places quickly or take your time?
B: I prefer to go to places quickly. I don't like wasting time.
A: Really? I like taking my time when I travel. Getting to a place is half the fun.
- A: Do you prefer to go to places cheaply or in comfort?
B: I prefer to go to places cheaply. It's all I can afford!
A: I agree. Traveling in comfort can be very expensive.

Activity 1

- D** A: Which trip do you think you'd enjoy the most?
B: I'd enjoy Alice's trip because I love to travel by train. I don't think I'd enjoy Nancy's trip because I'm afraid of flying.
A: Really? I'm not. Nancy's trip sounds great!
- A: Has anything ever gone wrong on a trip?
B: Yes. I went to Spain a few years ago. I was going to rent a car, but I forgot my driver's license.
A: So what did you do?

Activity 2

- B** A: What's the best way to travel between our largest city and our second largest city?
B: The fastest way to travel between Tokyo and Osaka is by high-speed train.
A: Isn't it faster to go by car?
B: I don't think so. There are often traffic jams and other problems on the roads.

Activity 3

- A** A: We need to plan a one-week trip to five different places in our country. What types of transportation will we use? What activities will we do?
B: Let's go to a national park.
A: Good idea. But let's do that at the end. First, we should go to the capital. It's the largest city and has the best shopping.

Activity 3

- B** A: We plan to start our one-week trip in the capital. It's the largest city and has the best shopping.
B: Where will you go next?
A: The next day, we'll travel by train to the coast to enjoy the beach.
C: I think your travel plans sound better than ours so far.