

IELTS Speaking Topics

Topic: Transportation



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1. Set aside 11-14 minutes in a quiet room with no interruptions.
2. Use a recording device or ask a partner/tutor to act as the examiner.
3. Follow the test structure exactly:
 - **Part 1:** Introduction & general questions (4–5 minutes)
 - **Part 2:** Long turn – 1-minute prep, 1–2 minutes speaking
 - **Part 3:** Discussion – deeper questions related to Part 2 (4–5 minutes)
4. Time yourself strictly. Do not exceed the speaking limits.
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Speaking Topic 1 - Transportation

Part 1 - Interview Section

1. What's the widely-used means of transportation in your hometown?

The most prevalent modes of transportation in my hometown are buses and railways. It is the most convenient and common mode of transportation in my hometown. Other modes of transportation include bicycles, automobiles, scooters, and auto rickshaws.

2. How often do you take buses?

Quite frequently, I pick buses. When I was younger, the bus was my most convenient mode of transportation. Now I have a choice of two-wheelers and cars. Therefore, I travel using these modes of transportation. In addition, between school and employment, I have no time to wait for buses as they are not so frequent.

3. Can you compare the benefits/advantages of planes and trains?

Both of these modes of transportation have several advantages. First and foremost, both of these are the quickest methods of travel. Second, these two can transport a significant number of passengers due to their seating capacity. We may now secure tickets in advance for our trip.

4. Is driving to work popular in your country?

Yes. People use two-wheeled and four-wheeled vehicles for transportation. Instead of waiting for a bus or renting a vehicle, these two alternatives are the most common and convenient.

5. Do you think people will drive vehicles more in the future?

I believe there will be more drivers on the roads in the future due to the convenience of driving and the affordability of automobiles. However, in a world driven by technology, automotive professionals lag behind the most beneficial and user-friendly advances. I believe that in the future we will also be able to travel without a driver.

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6. Would you ride bikes or any other vehicle to work in the future?

Driving is, without a doubt, one of my passions. I enjoy driving a two-wheeled vehicle more than a four-wheeled vehicle since we can easily drive it in traffic and park anywhere, at any time. In addition, two-wheeled vehicles have low fuel consumption and are simple to operate regardless of age. Additionally, they are conveniently accessible in traffic.

7. What will become the most popular means of transportation in a country like India?

Trains and buses are the two modes of transportation that connect cities and villages. Therefore, anyone of any age can simply utilise these two services. However, automobiles and bikes may become one of the most popular modes of transportation in my country's urban areas.

Part 2 - Cue Card**Describe a visit that you made using public transport.****You should say:**

- When you travelled?
- Where have you travelled?
- What was the purpose of your travel?
- How did you feel about it?

Introduction

I haven't used public transportation on a daily basis in a long time, as driving my own vehicle saves me time. However, if I need to go to far locations with my family, I prefer to use public transit, as long-distance driving leaves me exhausted and prevents me from enjoying time with my family.

When and where you travelled?

That is why I travelled by rail to Mumbai last month. My family and relatives had spare time a month ago. When we were planning a trip, my father and uncle suggested that we visit Mumbai. He stated that one of their childhood friends had moved there, and they were never able to reunite with him.

What was the purpose of your travel?

In order to fulfil the desires of my father and uncle, we all decided to travel to Mumbai. Additionally, it is well-known for its tourist attractions. We arrived at the station half an hour prior to departure. Tickets were already reserved through the official website of the railroad. Train travel offers its unique insight. We had a slight disagreement since we were all required to occupy the window seat. Eventually, we sat in rotation.



How did you feel about it?

The trip was quite enjoyable. Thankfully, the train arrived on time. Even though it was a hard journey, watching the joy on my father's and his friend's faces when they finally reunited after a long separation erased our fatigue. Additionally, the seats were really comfortable. We visited notable locations such as the Gateway of India, Marine Drives, and the Elephanta caves. Some of the visited tourist sights were breathtaking.

Conclusion

Last but not least, we all enjoyed our vacation and purchased gifts for our friends. I was very delighted by how comfortable the train ride was, and my family and I thoroughly enjoyed our time together.

Part 3 - Follow-up Questions**1. How easy is it to travel around your country?**

We have various public transportation options, including trains, modern buses, and planes, and I would say that the expressways have made commuting in my nation really simple. It is convenient for commuters since the major cities in my nation have airports. Since we have eight-lane highways that are regularly maintained, a person can travel from one place to another in his or her own vehicle. Moreover, government buses and rickshaws make it easy for city-dwellers to commute to their workplaces, and residents can board long-route trains to travel to other districts at a lower cost.

2. Which method of travel do you consider the safest? Why?

I consider air travel to be the safest mode of transportation. There are regular domestic and international flights, and the service is exceptional. Aviation mishaps are fatal and claim the lives of a large number of people, and these accidents are frequently reported in the news, giving the impression that air travel is risky. However, if we compare air fatalities to road accidents, it is clear that air travel is the safest mode of transportation. In my country, flying is the safest mode of transportation since flights are well-organized and air traffic is regulated more efficiently by skilled specialists.



3. Has travel become safer in recent years than that was in the past?

Some would claim that there are more accidents and fatalities today than in the past. In contrast, I believe that transportation has vastly improved in recent years and offers commuters greater ease. Currently, all incidents are reported in the media, whereas in the past, only major accidents were reported. Today, we have tighter traffic rules, biometric checks, and transportation networks that are created with safety in mind.

4. What are the pros and cons of low-cost air travel?

The primary advantage of inexpensive air travel is that more people can afford to travel to more areas throughout the globe, hence boosting the tourist business. More frequent travel by average citizens makes them more tolerant of other cultures and preserves global peace. Increasing flights contribute to air pollution, one of the negative effects. Air travel that is inexpensive draws more passengers, who indirectly contribute to air pollution.

5. How do you think people will travel in the future?

I believe that in the near future, people will prefer to travel vast distances via aeroplanes and fast trains, and flights will get cheaper to attract more passengers. Automobiles would be our regular companions, and we would rely on them more than ever to get around the city.

6. Should the government in a country focus more on rail transport or road transport?

Why?

I believe the selection should be based on the country's geological situation, current infrastructure, population, and economic status. Connecting motorways and road transportation are more viable and economical for these nations. Moreover, if the government lacks sufficient rail tracks, it should prioritise the development and improvement of roads rather than rails. Lastly, countries with large populations should develop their railroads because they can transport a large number of people.

7. What changes would you like to see in the transport system?


As a supporter of the environmental movement, I believe that more eco-friendly vehicles and more reliable public transportation would be of enormous benefit. It is believed that emissions from fuel-powered vehicles such as automobiles and even motorcycles significantly contribute to global warming. Certainly, reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the environment is essential. It seems evident that governments should prohibit the use of fuel automobiles in densely populated urban areas and encourage inhabitants to drive electric vehicles or, even better, to cycle.




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