

B1/B2

Urban Life & Transport

Public Transport in London

NAVIGATING LONDON: A GUIDE TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION · VOCABULARY VAULT

Name: _____

Date: _____

Score: _____

SPEAKING · WARM-UP

Discuss these questions in pairs

 What means of transport do you consider the best in big cities?

 Do you have a preference regarding public transport? What is it?

 What are the potential downsides of public transport?

 Is there a scenario in which you would completely forego private transportation (a car)?

LISTENING · VIDEO

Watch and Take Notes

Video: Public Transport in London

YouTube ID: raF0-wkJrqU | **URL:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raF0-wkJrqU>

Watch the video and fill in the table with the upsides and downsides of each transport option.

TRANSPORT	✓ UPSIDES	✗ DOWNSIDES
 Buses (Double-decker)		
 River Bus (Thames Clippers)		
 Santander Cycles (Boris Bikes)		
 London Underground (Tube)		
 Trains (Overground, DLR)		
 Emirates Air Line Cable Car		

LISTENING COMPREHENSION · EXERCISE

True, False or Not Given

Decide if each statement is True (T), False (F), or Not Given (NG) according to the video.

1	A bus fare in London always costs £1.75, regardless of distance.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
2	The River Bus has cafés and restrooms onboard.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
3	Cycling in London is free if you use a Santander bike for less than 30 minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
4	The Emirates Air Line Cable Car is located in central London.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
5	The Tube is the most popular and fastest transport option in London.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
6	Buses are usually faster than the Underground.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
7	Trains in London include the Overground and DLR.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
8	The River Bus connects more than 20 different piers along the Thames.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
9	The Emirates Cable Car is very practical for tourists.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG
10	The Underground has 270 stations and 11 lines.	<input type="checkbox"/> T	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> NG

VOCABULARY · EXERCISE

Match the Words to Their Definitions

WORD	DEFINITION	POLISH	EXAMPLE
fare	Money you pay for a bus or train ride	opłata za przejazd	The bus fare is the same no matter how far you travel.
commuter	A person who travels regularly to work or school	osoba dojeżdżająca	Every morning, thousands of commuters travel into the city.
drawback	A problem or disadvantage of something	wada	The main drawback of the River Bus is its high price.
congestion	Too many vehicles on the road, causing traffic jams	zatlóczenie / korek	Traffic congestion is a big problem in London during rush hours.
affordable	Not too expensive, reasonably priced	przystępny cenowo	Buses are the most affordable option for tourists.
extensive	Large, wide-reaching	rozległy	London has an extensive transport network.
convenient	Easy and practical to use	wygodny	The Oyster card makes traveling around London very convenient.
safety	Protection from danger or harm	bezpieczeństwo	Always wear a helmet for your safety when cycling.

WORD	DEFINITION	POLISH	EXAMPLE
iconic	Very famous or well-known	ikoniczny / znany	The red double-decker bus is an iconic symbol of London.
suburb	An area outside a city where many people live	przedmieście	Many people live in the suburbs and travel to London for work.

VOCABULARY · EXERCISE

Fill in the Gaps

Fill in the gaps with the correct words from the box below.

referred to daily fare drawback familiar drawback suburbs extensive affordable
convenient

- 1 The London Underground is often _____ as the Tube.
- 2 Sitting on the top deck of a double-decker bus gives a great view of _____ life.
- 3 Many tourists choose buses because the _____ is only £1.75 per ride.
- 4 A major _____ of buses is traffic, which causes delays.
- 5 Cycling in London can be dangerous if you are not _____ with the traffic rules.
- 6 The River Bus is an interesting option, but its main _____ is the high price.
- 7 Trains are useful for traveling to the _____ outside central London.
- 8 London has an _____ transport network that covers almost every part of the city.
- 9 Travelers on a budget often look for the most _____ means of transport.
- 10 The Emirates Cable Car is not very _____, because it connects areas tourists rarely visit.

WORD FORMATION · EXERCISE

Adjust the Words to Fit the Context

Use the word roots in the sidebar to form the correct word for each numbered gap.

- 1 Bus travel is very _____ in London.
- 2 Rush-hour traffic _____ causes long delays.
- 3 The government is working to improve road _____.
- 4 The London Underground is an _____ system.
- 5 Sitting on a red bus is an _____ London experience.
- 6 Trains are useful for people who _____ every day.
- 7 Cycling is becoming more _____ in London.

WORD ROOTS

- 1 AFFORD
- 2 CONGEST
- 3 SAFE
- 4 EXTEND
- 5 ICON
- 6 COMMUTE
- 7 CONVENIENT
- 8 DRAW
- 9 SUBURB
- 10 FAMILIAR

8 Every transport option has some _____ .

9 Many families live in _____ areas and travel into the city.

10 Tourists are often not _____ with the Tube map.

COLLOCATIONS · EXERCISE

Fill in the Missing Words

- 1 London has an _____ transport network.
- 2 The main _____ of the River Bus is its price.
- 3 During rush hour, traffic _____ is common.
- 4 The Tube is often _____ to as the Underground.
- 5 Many _____ travel from outside London every day.
- 6 The cable car offers _____ views of the city.
- 7 The bus _____ is £1.75, no matter the distance.
- 8 Cycling can be dangerous without proper _____.
- 9 The red bus is an _____ part of London life.
- 10 For tourists, Oyster cards are a very _____ option.

VOCABULARY · EXERCISE

Choose the Correct Word (A–D)

- 1 The London Underground is often _____ as the Tube by both locals and tourists.

<input type="radio"/> A referred to	<input type="radio"/> B known as
<input type="radio"/> C described	<input type="radio"/> D pointed out
- 2 Buses are the most _____ option for tourists because the flat fare is only £1.75.

<input type="radio"/> A convenient	<input type="radio"/> B iconic
<input type="radio"/> C affordable	<input type="radio"/> D extensive
- 3 The red double-decker bus is an _____ symbol of London, recognised around the world.

<input type="radio"/> A extensive	<input type="radio"/> B iconic
<input type="radio"/> C affordable	<input type="radio"/> D suburban
- 4 Traffic _____ during rush hour makes bus journeys slow and unpredictable.

<input type="radio"/> A drawback	<input type="radio"/> B safety
<input type="radio"/> C congestion	<input type="radio"/> D fare
- 5 The main _____ of the Emirates Cable Car is its location — it connects areas tourists rarely visit.

<input type="radio"/> A fare	<input type="radio"/> B drawback
<input type="radio"/> C commuter	<input type="radio"/> D suburb

6 Many _____ travel from the suburbs into central London every morning by train or Tube.

A commuters

B tourists

C cyclists

D drivers

7 London has an _____ transport network that covers nearly every corner of the city.

A affordable

B iconic

C extensive

D convenient

8 The Oyster card makes travelling around London very _____ — you just tap in and out.

A suburban

B familiar

C extensive

D convenient

9 Cyclists should always prioritise _____ and be aware of traffic rules on busy roads.

A fare

B safety

C congestion

D drawback

10 Trains are particularly useful for people who live in the _____ and need to travel into central London.

A suburbs

B stations

C commuters

D landmarks

SPEAKING · VOCABULARY REVISION

Speaking Vocabulary Revision

Say each word or phrase in a sentence. Tick it off once you have used it in conversation.

 efficient

The London Underground is one of the most efficient ways to travel.

 journey

The bus ride from the airport to the city centre was a long journey.

 iconic

The red double-decker bus is an iconic symbol of London.

 fare

The bus fare is the same no matter how far you travel.

 daily life

Buses give you a real look at London's daily life.

 congestion

Traffic congestion is a big problem in London during rush hours.

 commuter

Every morning, thousands of commuters travel into the city.

 convenient

The Oyster card makes traveling around London very convenient.

 explore

Cycling is a great way to explore London's parks.

 familiar

Tourists are often not familiar with the rules of cycling in London.

 safety

Always wear a helmet for your safety when cycling.

 referred to

The London Underground is often referred to as the Tube.

 suburb

Many people live in the suburbs and travel to London for work.

 drawback

The main drawback of the River Bus is its high price.

 affordable

Buses are the most affordable option for tourists.

 extensive

London has an extensive transport network.

 navigate

Tourists can easily navigate the city using a transport map.

Answer Key

TRUE / FALSE / NOT GIVEN

1 - T 2 - T 3 - T 4 - F 5 - T 6 - F 7 - T 8 - T 9 - F 10 - T

GAP FILL

1 - referred to 2 - daily 3 - fare 4 - drawback 5 - familiar 6 - drawback 7 - suburbs
8 - extensive 9 - affordable 10 - convenient

WORD FORMATION

1 - affordable 2 - congestion 3 - safety 4 - extensive 5 - iconic 6 - commute
7 - convenient 8 - drawbacks 9 - suburban 10 - familiar

COLLOCATIONS

1 - extensive 2 - drawback 3 - congestion 4 - referred 5 - commuters 6 - aerial 7 - fare
8 - safety 9 - iconic 10 - convenient

ABCD VOCABULARY TEST

1 - A 2 - C 3 - B 4 - C 5 - B 6 - A 7 - C 8 - D 9 - B 10 - A