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A good traveller has no fixed plans.

Lao Tzu, Taoist philosopher

Race to the sun

1 READING

a Read the text and find the answers.

- 1 Which airline is more expensive, LAB or AeroSur?
- 2 What's the cheapest way to get from the airport to the city centre?
- 3 What's the best time to travel on a *Flota* bus?
- 4 Can you travel intercity on a *Micro* bus?
- 5 What are the three disadvantages of travelling by lorry?
- 6 Can you get anything to eat on a *tren expreso*?
- 7 Why is *tren rapido* a strange name for this kind of train?

b Look at the highlighted words in the text. What do you think they mean? Match them to the correct definition.

- 1 a place where traffic can be stopped by officials
- 2 go down
- 3 before you travel
- 4 most important
- 5 a thing you can choose
- 6 things carried by plane, ship, or train
- 7 arranged to happen at a particular time
- 8 there for you to use

checkpoint

Getting around in Bolivia

How you choose to travel in Bolivia largely depends on how much time and money you have – the more money, the less time you need to spend travelling!

AIR

Lloyd Aereo Boliviano (LAB) has frequent flights between many large cities within the country. A LABPass allows you four flights between the main cities.

You can also fly AeroSur which has a better service but higher prices. The main air terminal is La Paz El Alto airport. You can get a bus or taxi into the centre of La Paz – a taxi will cost about \$6–10, the bus is only about \$0.50.

BUS

Flotas, the long distance buses, are generally newer, in better condition, and travel the main roads. Reserve a ticket in advance, and plan to travel by night on the very long routes so that you can sleep. Smaller buses are called *buses*

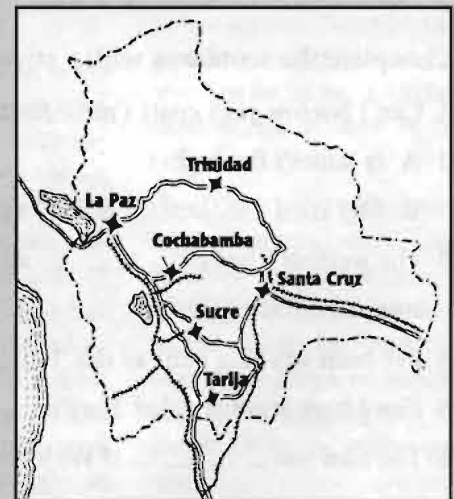
and travel the secondary routes. The smallest buses are *micros*, and they do the local routes.

If you want to travel very cheaply, you can catch a ride on a lorry (*camión*), but be prepared for a slow and uncomfortable trip. Some lorries have scheduled departures and will accept reservations, but you can also wait for one at police checkpoints outside some towns.

Tip! For smaller buses and lorries, dress warmly. The high altitude means that the temperature can drop very low at night.

TRAIN

The best train is the *ferrobús*, not always available, but it is fast, usually reliable, and comfortable. You can buy tickets up



to a week in advance. Next, the express train, known as *tren expreso*. These have first and second class seats, and a dining car. The third option is the *tren rápido* (the fast train), which isn't fast at all as it stops at every station. The fourth train is the *tren mixto* (the mixed train), which carries passengers and cargo. Because it is so cheap, if irregular, many of the poorest travellers use this to transport themselves, their luggage, and their animals.

2 HOW WORDS WORK *how long + take*

Complete the sentences and questions with words from the list.

get (x2) take (x2) took (x2)
takes (x2) long (x2)

- In general, the London Underground takes about five minutes from one stop to the next.
- How _____ does it _____ to get to the centre by car?
- It usually _____ him forty minutes on the bus.
- The train _____ a long time to arrive last Saturday because it was snowing.
- How _____ does it _____ you to _____ home in the evening?
- It _____ me twenty minutes longer to _____ to work yesterday because of the traffic.

3 GRAMMAR comparatives and superlatives

a Correct the mistakes in the **highlighted** phrases.

- I think tennis is **more exciting as** golf to watch on TV. more exciting than
- In the UK coaches are **much more cheap** than the train. _____
- She's wearing **the same skirt than** you. _____
- My mother **drives slower than** my father. _____
- Do the British work **as harder as** the Americans? _____
- My brother is a bit **taller than I**. _____
- Paulo is **most intelligent** student in my class. _____
- Today is **the hottest day** of the year. _____
- This is **the worse restaurant** I've ever been to. _____
- It was **the more boring** journey I can remember. _____

Holiday Destinations Survey

We reveal the results from our reader survey of three popular holiday destinations.

Why would you choose ...

	Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	Helsinki (Finland)	Wellington (New Zealand)
It's exciting.	☀ ☀ ☀	☀	☀ ☀
It's healthy.	☀	☀ ☀	☀ ☀ ☀
It's cheap.	☀ ☀	☀	☀ ☀
It's safe.	☀	☀ ☀	☀ ☀ ☀
It's easy to get to.	☀ ☀	☀ ☀	☀
It's relaxing.	☀	☀ ☀	☀ ☀ ☀
It's sunny.	☀ ☀ ☀	☀	☀ ☀
There are a lot of tourists.	☀ ☀ ☀	☀	☀ ☀

b Write sentences with information from the survey.

- Helsinki / exciting / of the three destinations
Helsinki is the least exciting of the three destinations.
- Wellington / healthy / of the three destinations

- Rio de Janeiro / cheap / Helsinki

- Wellington / not / dangerous / Rio de Janeiro

- Helsinki / easy to get to / Rio de Janeiro

- Wellington / relaxing / the three destinations

- Wellington / sunny / Helsinki

- Helsinki / not / have / tourists / Wellington

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4 VOCABULARY transport and travel

Complete the sentences and definitions.

- where you pick up your suitcase after a flight
baggage reclaim
- where you wait for a train _____
- you get this when you park illegally _____
- At the check-in desk they give you a boarding _____
- you need this to travel on a train, bus, or plane

- The speed _____ in cities is often 30 mph in the UK.
- what a car needs if it's not diesel _____
- the opposite of *take off* _____
- a verb which means 'go from one place to another'

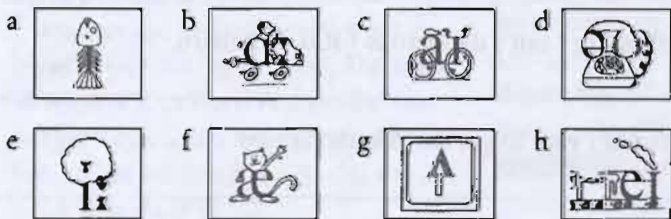
- the place where you board your plane _____
- bags, suitcases, etc. _____
- you can have a window seat or an _____ seat

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5 PRONUNCIATION sounds

a Match the words to the correct sound.

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 cycle, aisle, fine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c | 5 public, rush, luggage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 seat, speed, reclaim | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 coach, motorway, road | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 fast, park, card | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 railway, gate, take off | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 limit, ticket, trip | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 travel, crash, carriage | <input type="checkbox"/> |



b Write the words.

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| 1 /flaɪt/ _____ | 4 /lɒri/ _____ |
| 2 /dʒɜːni/ _____ | 5 /skɜːtə/ _____ |
| 3 /helmt/ _____ | |

c Practise saying the words in a and b.

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More Words to Learn

Write translations and try to remember the words.

Word	Pronunciation	Translation
Exit (sign) <i>noun</i>	/ˈeksɪt/	
ferry <i>noun</i>	/ˈferi/	
scenery <i>noun</i>	/ˈsiːnəri/	
security <i>noun</i>	/sɪˈkjʊərəti/	
service station <i>noun</i>	/ˈsɜːvɪs ˈsteɪʃn/	
tunnel <i>noun</i>	/ˈtʌnl/	
convenient <i>adjective</i>	/kənˈviːniənt/	
whole <i>adjective</i>	/həʊl/	

LISTENING

a Listen to a woman talking about aspects of dangerous driving. Tick (✓) the subjects she talks about.

- The speed limit for motorways should be 100km/h.
- Cyclists are as dangerous as car drivers.
- Slow drivers cause as many accidents as fast drivers.
- Drivers shouldn't use any kind of mobile phone.
- Speed cameras don't stop accidents.

b Listen again and answer the questions.

- Why is it dangerous to talk on the phone?
- Why is it really dangerous to send text messages?
- How do slow drivers cause accidents?
- What do cyclists often not do?
- Where do some cyclists cycle?

c Listen again with the tapescript on p.76 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.

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CAN YOU REMEMBER...?

FILES

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Complete each space with one word.

- Where _____ your sister work?
- When I got home I realized I _____ left my mobile at work.
- A The phone's ringing.
B _____ I answer it for you?
- _____ you put the car in the garage yet?
- She's _____ learning Spanish for three years.
- His new film wasn't as good _____ the last one.

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1 REQUESTS AND PERMISSION

a Complete the requests with the correct form of a verb in the list.

help send call take use work

- 1 Do you think you could work this Saturday?
- 2 Can you give me a _____ tomorrow?
- 3 Could I _____ your computer this afternoon? Mine's not working.
- 4 Would you mind _____ me an email about that?
- 5 Is it OK if I _____ Friday off?
- 6 Would you mind _____ me with this report?

b Match the requests and responses.

- a I'm sorry, but we really need you.
- b I'm sorry but I need it. What's wrong with yours?
- c Sure. What time shall I phone?
- d I'm afraid I can't just now. Maybe Joe can help you.
- e Of course not.
- f Yes, of course. Shall I come in at ten o'clock?

2 SOCIAL ENGLISH useful phrases

Complete the dialogues.

- 1 A Have you found a job?
B No, I haven't s_____ looking yet.
- 2 A Do you like *The Rockets*?
B Who? I've never h_____ of them.
- 3 A Can I speak to Miranda, please?
B J_____ a minute. I'll call her.
- 4 A I'm really tired.
B L_____ me get you a cup of tea.
- 5 A H_____ do you like your new job?
B Not much. But I haven't been there long.


3 READING

www.webwork.org/survey

This week's question

What do you think of office gossip?

A report by the Working Relations Partnership recommends that employers should see gossiping at work as a good thing, not a waste of time. We asked you what you think.



- HELEN** As I understand it, gossiping is just talking about someone behind their back - which can't be good. It divides people.
- AARON** Gossip is great and in my office it travels even quicker than email.
- GRAHAM** Gossip is fine providing it's not about you!
- STEPH** A good social atmosphere is important. However, gossiping can damage people's careers - and there's no way of knowing if it's true or not.
- JOSEPH** In my opinion people are paid to work, not to swap stories.
- LUKE** I am the only man in an office full of women and the constant boring gossip is a real problem. They spend the whole day chatting and I find it hard to concentrate.

- a Read the text about office 'gossip' (when people talk about other people and personal things at work). Tick (✓) the people who say gossip is OK and put a cross (X) next to the people who say it's bad.
- b Complete these sentences with names from the website.
- 1 Steph says that office gossip can endanger people's careers.
 - 2 _____ thinks that women gossip too much.
 - 3 _____ thinks that gossip can make people separate into groups.
 - 4 _____ says that people shouldn't be paid for chatting to each other.
 - 5 _____ thinks that gossip is a very fast way of communicating information.
 - 6 _____ thinks that gossip isn't a problem as long as you're not the one being talked about.