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Going places



I can understand a text and use vocabulary about travel arrangements.

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Travel arrangements

1 Complete the texts with the words below.

convenient environmentally friendly hire
public transport reliable

TOP LONDON TRAVEL TIP

If you don't want to use public transport in London, why not try car sharing? You can pick up an electric car 24/7 from many locations, so it's very ² _____. What's more, you don't have to ³ _____ them for whole days – you can use them for a few hours. Electric cars are more ⁴ _____ than petrol cars. They're usually very ⁵ _____ too – but if you do have a problem with the car, most companies have an emergency number you can call.

book seats change trains get to give us a lift
miss the connection

Hi Toby

I'm really looking forward to our trip tomorrow. Dad's going to ⁶ _____ on the 8.30 train for us. It leaves from London Victoria. He's going to ⁷ _____ to the station in his car too. The train doesn't go straight to Durham – we have to ⁸ _____ in Newcastle. But there's lots of time to do that, so we won't ⁹ _____ to Durham. We ¹⁰ _____ Durham at about 6 p.m. See you tomorrow!

Yun-Ye

2 Replace the underlined words with words and phrases from Ex 1.

- It's easy to use the city's buses and trains.
public transport
- Hydrogen cars are clean – they don't pollute the air.
- We can buy the tickets for the train online.
- Dad wants to get a car for the first week of our holiday in France.
- My mum can drive us to the concert tonight.
- What time do you arrive in Manchester?
- The subway is very easy to use, and it goes everywhere.
- The buses go every ten minutes, and they're always on time.

3 Read the article below about travel problems.

Who mentions ...

- something which isn't environmentally friendly?
Hossein
- an online service which wasn't reliable?
- changing trains every day? _____
- not getting somewhere on time? _____
- a journey to work which isn't very convenient?

- getting a lift with a relative? _____
- missing a connection? _____
- a place with very bad public transport? _____



Readers tell us about their travel problems.

I needed to get a ticket from Aylesbury to Oxford, but there was a problem with the bus company website. I couldn't buy a ticket online so I tried calling them, but that didn't work either. I waited and waited on the phone, but nobody answered. In the end, my cousin drove me there! **ROB WATSON**

I'm doing work experience in Solihull this month, but last week the train service from Nuneaton to Solihull changed. I could get trains directly between Nuneaton and Solihull before. Now I have to go to Coventry first, then catch another train to Solihull. It takes me ages! **JOANNA HERON**

You really can't get around Arizona by buses and trains, so we needed to book a car for our holiday there. The car was much bigger than our family car in Britain too, and it used a lot of petrol! It really isn't good for the planet, but we had no choice. **HOSSEIN KHALIFI**

Our train arrived in Birmingham New Street Station twenty minutes late, and we only had minutes to catch the next train. We ran across the station, but when we got to platform five, our train began to move. The doors were closed and we couldn't get on. **SARAH PAVLOVIC**

4 Answer the questions.

- How environmentally friendly is transport in your city?
not good very good
1 2 3 4 5
- How can your city make transport more environmentally friendly? Write three ideas in your notebook.

5 **VOCABULARY BOOSTER** Now practise Travel arrangements vocabulary on page 112.

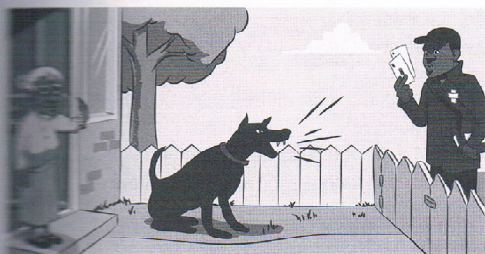


Grammar

Future forms: present continuous, present simple and *be going to*

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- 1 Read the sentences and look at the hints. Then write the present simple, present continuous or *be going to* form of the verbs in brackets.



- 1 Why are you standing there? Are you going to bring (you / bring) me that letter or not?
hint – intention
- 2 We _____ (meet) Kelly at six outside the station. **hint – arrangement**
- 3 I think Dad _____ (not / give) us a lift to school today because he's busy.
hint – intention
- 4 I hope the train arrives on time because our connection _____ (leave) ten minutes later. **hint – schedule**
- 5 No, we _____ (not stop) at Mount Rushmore on our holiday – our tour bus isn't going there. **hint – arrangement**
- 2 Choose the correct alternative.
- Drew Hi, Mika. You look happy.
- Mika I am. ¹We're going / We go to Los Angeles on holiday! Dad got the tickets yesterday. Our flight ²is departing / departs at 8 o'clock next Saturday.
- Drew ³Are you staying / Do you stay near the beach? The beach in LA is great!
- Mika No, we ⁴don't / aren't. My American aunt ⁵is going to look / looks after us. She lives in Glendale, near Hollywood.
- Drew Awesome! ⁶Do you visit / Are you visiting any other places in America?
- Mika ⁷Yes, we are / Yes, we do, but we don't have a real plan. ⁸We're driving / We're going to drive along the coast and just stop in nice places.
- Drew That's great. When are you ⁹coming / going to come back?
- Mika Our flight ¹⁰gets / is going to get to London on the 23rd.
- Drew That's good – school ¹¹isn't going to start / doesn't start until the 1st.
- Mika I know, so I've got a week before school. And ¹²I'm going to rest / I rest all week!

- 3 Write the second sentence. Use the present simple, present continuous or *be going to* form of the verbs.

- 1 Max is bullying Sarah. (I / tell / the teacher)
I'm going to tell the teacher.
- 2 The weather isn't very nice. (I / not / go out / this afternoon)

- 3 I like the London Transport Museum. (my class / visiting / it / next week)

- 4 Bikes are more environmentally friendly than cars. (my parents / not drive / to work / next year)

- 5 I can't watch all of this film. (it / not / finish / until midnight)

- 6 Students often visit our school from other countries. (some / Polish students / arrive / next week)

- 7 Toby's really late! (I / not wait / for him)

- 8 Mandy didn't get into the school football team. (she / not play / in Saturday's match)

- 9 Are you ready for the singing competition? (it / be / in three days)

- 10 It's Zhong's birthday on Saturday. (he / have / a party on Saturday evening)

- 4 Imagine you are going on holiday somewhere next week using public transport. Write an email to a friend about your trip, answering these questions.

- Where are you going?
- How are you getting there?
- When does your plane/train/bus leave and arrive there?
- Who are you going to travel with?
- Where are you staying?
- What are you going to do there?

Hi!

How're you? I'm really excited because I'm going on holiday next week – I just had to tell someone!

Life skills Mediating

1 VOCABULARY Complete the missing words in the story about mediating.

Last weekend, I was at the train station and I helped some tourists to buy a ticket. I spoke to them in English and then 'r__ po__ d their questions to the lady at the information desk. My teacher says that, when you're helping people like this, it's better to 's__ m__ e the general ideas, so I didn't 't__ n__ l__ e every word they said into Polish. When I didn't understand something, I was honest and said 'Sorry, I don't understand'. Then the tourists 'p__ ph__ d by explaining in a simpler way. I feel really proud that I helped them with my English!

2 Quickly read the text about Olympic volunteers, ignoring the gaps. Why is mediating an important skill for Olympic volunteers?

OLYMPIC VOLUNTEERS

At every Olympic Games, thousands of young volunteers work at the sports events, at the Olympic village and on public transport services to the Games. These volunteers help to make the Olympic Games the world's greatest sporting event, and they come from all over the world. *Sprint Magazine* spoke to Polish volunteer Justyna Zawadzka.



SM 'Can I talk to you about being an Olympic volunteer?'
Justyna Of course. What do you need to know?

SM Firstly, '_____
Justyna Well, I saw an advertisement for Olympic volunteers on the internet – they normally advertise about two years before each event. I love travelling, so I thought 'I'm going to volunteer for the next Games.'

SM '_____
Justyna Well, you apply online. Then they give you an interview on Skype. I decided to revise lots of sports vocabulary before the interview, but in the end they asked me things like 'Why do you want to go to the Games?' and 'What languages do you speak?'

SM '_____
Justyna Yes, it's very important. You see, our main job is mediating really. That means helping people who don't speak English to understand what they need to do, translating for them, and so on. That's why they gave me a job – because I speak Polish, English and a little Japanese.

SM That's great. '_____
Justyna I help the people in the Press Office. It's a place where newspaper and TV people work. I help to summarise and paraphrase the day's press release – it's a thing that the organisers give to reporters with important information about the Games, so they can report in different languages.

3 Read the text again and complete it with the missing questions. There is one question you don't need.

- A So are you enjoying the Games?
- B And how did you get the job?
- C And what do you do here?
- D Can I talk to you about being an Olympic volunteer?
- E Can volunteers actually watch any Olympic events?
- F What's the most difficult thing about being a volunteer?
- G Why did you become a volunteer?
- H Is it important to know foreign languages?

WORD POWER Verbs ending in *-ise*

4 Find three verbs that end in *-ise* in the article about Olympic volunteers, and underline them.

5 Look at the sentences from the text below. Which words is Justyna paraphrasing?

- 1 It's a place where newspaper and TV people work. _____
- 2 It's a thing that the organisers give to reporters with important information about the games. _____
- 3 It's a person who dresses in a silly costume and tries to entertain the crowd. _____

6 ROUND UP Imagine that you are a volunteer at the Olympics. Write answers to the questions in English. Use the glossary to help.

- 1 What's the 'box office'?
It's a place where you can get tickets.
- 2 What's a 'coach'? _____
- 3 What's the 'aquatics centre'? _____
- 4 What's an 'entrance pass'? _____

GLOSSARY	box office kasa biletowa
	coach trener
	aquatics centre centrum sportów wodnych
	entrance pass wejściówka, bilet wstępu

SM Right. And what about sport? '_____'

Justyna Yes, sometimes – when you have a free day. I'm not working tomorrow, so I'm going to watch the men's 100 metres final.

SM '_____'
Justyna Yes, it's great. And I've made some really nice friends. One girl I've met is a mascot – it's a person who dresses in a silly costume and tries to entertain the crowd – and she's so funny! I'm definitely going to apply for the next summer Olympics!