

UNIT 9

Writing Task: Write about advantages and disadvantages

Worksheet 1: PRE-WRITING

Exercise 1: Brainstorming and gathering information

Think of the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by car. Answer the following questions:

1. What different ways are there to travel?
2. How do people usually travel in your city? Why?
3. What can you do when you travel by car?
4. What can't you do when you travel by car?
5. What are the two best things about travelling by car?
6. What are the two worst things about travelling by car?

Exercise 2: Check your vocabulary

Write the words in the correct columns.

Write **A** for *advantage* of travelling by car or **D** for *disadvantage* next to each word.

fast	convenient	door-to-door	short trip	long trip	passengers
cheap	independent		pollution	traffic jam	stressful relaxing
accident	comfortable	private	tiring	petrol	repairs
expensive	parking	speed limit	driving license	environment	

Adjectives	Nouns
fast (A)	

Exercise 3: Extend your vocabulary

Write the linking words in the correct column. Some can go in more than one column.

because	Secondly,	First of all,	Thirdly,	but	for example
Also,	However,	Firstly,	and . . . also		

Starting sentences	Putting in order	Giving examples	Explaining why (not)

1. I like travelling by plane _____ (because/however/for example) it is fast.
2. Travelling by bus is convenient and it is _____ (firstly/because/also) cheap.
3. Travelling by bike is cheap. _____ (Because/Also/However), it is not good for long trips.
4. _____ (Thirdly/Also/First of all), walking is good for your health. Secondly, it is not bad for the environment.

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Worksheet 2: PRACTICE

Exercise 1: Sentence building 1

Use your answers to Exercise 1 / Worksheet 1 to write complete sentences about the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by car. Use vocabulary from Exercise 2 & 3 / Worksheet 1.

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Exercise 2: If/when + will

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb.

1. If too many people _____ (**will travel/travel**) by plane, pollution will increase.
2. If you catch a train, you _____ (**will/won't/are**) get stuck in a traffic jam.
3. When you travel by train, you _____ (**will arrive/arriving/will**) on time.
4. You will have an exciting trip when you _____ (**will travel/travel**) by helicopter.
5. If you travel by ship, you can _____ (**have/having/will have**) a relaxing trip.

Exercise 3: Verb agreement

Complete the sentences about advantages and disadvantages.

1. There _____ (**is/are**) two advantages of travelling by car. Firstly,.....
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2. Travelling by plane _____ (**is/are**) fun. However,
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3. Driving a motorbike _____ (**is/are**) dangerous and it _____ (**is/are**) also
4. Cycling _____ (**has/have**) several advantages. First of all,
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5. There _____ (**is/are**) many disadvantages of air travel; for example,.....
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Exercise 4: Sentence building 2

Rewrite the sentences from Exercise 1 / Worksheet 2. Use linking words to write longer sentences and add extra information. **Make sure** you put the sentences in a good order.

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Worksheet 3: WRITING

Exercise 1: Writing a First Draft

Write about the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by ONE form of transport. Start with a topic sentence and use linking words. Write at least 75 words. Finish with a concluding sentence.

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Read your paragraph and check:

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Topic sentence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Topic vocabulary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linking words	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sentences with <i>if/when</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sentences in a good order	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concluding sentence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spelling (use a dictionary)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capital letters at the start of sentences	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full stops at the end of sentences	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exercise 2: Writing a Final Draft

Make corrections and write out the paragraph again neatly.