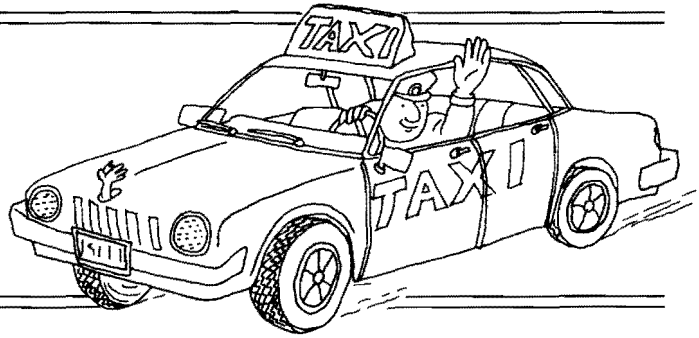


# Public and Private Transportation



## Words to Know

**destination:** place to which a person is going

**fare:** money a person pays to ride in a bus, taxi, train, or airplane

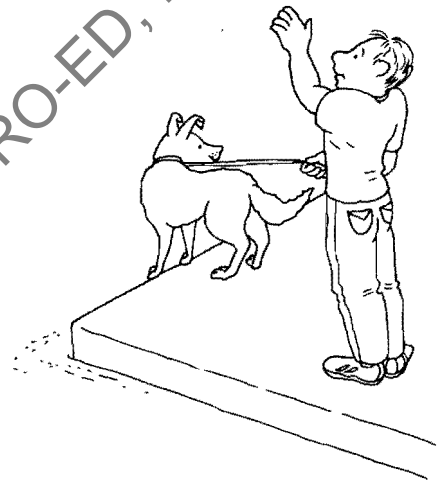
**route:** a fixed way to go

**schedule:** a written or printed list of fixed times for departures and arrivals

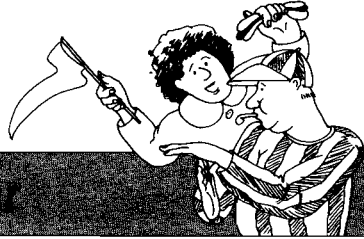
Have you ever used a train, bus, subway, taxi, or airplane to get from one place to another? If you have, you have used public transportation. *Public transportation* is any transportation that can be used by all people.

*Private transportation* is any means of travel that you own. You are using private transportation when you use your own car, bicycle, roller skates, or even shoes that you wear to walk from one place to another.

There are many reasons people use public transportation. Some people take a bus or subway because they don't like to drive in heavy traffic. Other people don't drive because parking spaces are often hard to find. Many people who live in big cities don't own cars. They must take public transportation to places they want to travel.



Gasoline, parking fees, and car insurance cost a lot of money. That is why it is often cheaper to use public transportation than to drive a car.



1. What is public transportation?

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2. List at least five different kinds of public transportation.

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3. What is private transportation?

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4. What kinds of public transportation could you take in your area?

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5. What are some reasons people take public transportation?

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6. What kinds of public transportation do you use?

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