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SECTION **1**

# Commuting to School and Work

For most people, everyday travel means getting to school or work. Depending on where you live, you might have several choices of transportation. You can walk, ride your bike, or take a bus. Or maybe you can share a ride with fellow students or co-workers. In making your choice, you should consider not only convenience and cost but safety, too.



## Making the Daily Commute

Andy had lived in the city all his life and never owned a car. He really didn't want to own a car, even though he could afford to now.

First of all, where would he park it? His neighbor, Sarah, owned a car. She had to run out and move it early every morning. Some mornings, Sarah drove around for 20 or 30 minutes. She spent a lot of time looking for new places to park. On weekends, she found it almost

impossible to find a spot within a block of the apartment. Sarah joked that moving her car was how she got her daily exercise. Not moving it meant getting an expensive ticket, though. The parking restrictions in the neighborhood were tough.





Second, where would Andy drive the car? He didn't want to drive to work every day. The plant where he worked was outside the city. It was a good hour's drive during rush hour—more during bad weather. Andy had found a ride share through his employer. One of his co-workers, Corey, lived only a few miles from his apartment. Corey picked Andy up and dropped him off every day for a reasonable fee. And along the way, they picked up another co-worker, Omar. The three had become pretty good friends over the year they had been sharing a ride.

