

SMART JUNIORS 1

Choosing Your Ride: Private vs. Public Transport

Lesson 33 Read for Detail



Review the essay we read last time.

Choosing Your Ride: Private vs Public Transport

- ▶ Host: Transportation choices can affect our lives. Some people use public transportation like buses and trains that many people can share. Others prefer using their own cars or bikes for convenience. Today, we will hear different opinions about transportation. Let's see how our choices can impact our cities and the world. Welcome to Smart Insights: Junior Edition!



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LISTEN AND REVIEW



▶ **Host:** Let's start by asking Emma what she thinks about public and private transportation. So, Emma, I hear you're firmly against private transportation; may I know the reasons?

▶ **Emma:** Others believe that using private transport is more convenient and should be encouraged; however, I don't think that is true. First, having a car can be expensive because you need to pay for fuel, maintenance, insurance, and parking. It can be a problem for people who don't have a lot of money. Second, too many cars on the road cause traffic, which can make us late and delay our plans. Lastly, driving can be stressful, especially in unfamiliar places. It can make us tired and worried.



LISTEN AND REVIEW



▶ **Host:** That's a great perspective, Emma. So Emma thinks we should definitely choose public transportation over private transportation. But it seems that our guest Jack has a different voice towards it. So, Jack, what is your opinion on this topic?

▶ **Jack:** Public transport is usually considered to be more practical and environment-friendly. I'll say that's not the whole story. Firstly, public transportation might not always be available in all areas, especially outside of cities. Moreover, some buses and trains still use fuels that are not good for the environment. Thirdly, building and taking care of public transportation systems also use a lot of resources.



LISTEN AND REVIEW

- ▶ **Host:** Thank you, Emma and Jack, for sharing your thoughts on public and private transportation. It's important to think about both sides. Public transportation is good because it's cheaper and better for the environment, but it may not be available everywhere. Private transportation is convenient, but it can be expensive and cause traffic. We need to find a balance in a smarter way. Remember, our choices can make a difference in how we travel and take care of our world. Thank you for joining us today and see you next time in Smart Insights!



Choosing Your Ride: Private and Public Transport

Host

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- If you were the host, how would you start the interview?
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Words & Expressions

Start With a Hook

Start your introduction with a sentence that gets the reader interested in the topic.



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Emma

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- Which features of a private car make Emma disagree with the common belief?

- | | |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> privacy | <input type="checkbox"/> stressful driving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> convenience | <input type="checkbox"/> comfort |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cause of road traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> expensiveness |

Words & Expressions

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Second, too many cars on the road...

Lastly, driving can be stressful...

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Jack

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- Aside from limited coverage, what are other disadvantages of public transportation?

1. _____

2. _____

Words & Expressions

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■ Complete the information.

Public Transport:

Advantage: _____

Disadvantage: _____

Private Transport:

Advantage: _____

Disadvantage: _____

Words & Expressions

It's important to **think about both sides.**



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Working Out the Meaning

- Look at the sentence below. Which sentence in the text shares the same meaning with it?

Some areas **may not have access to public transportation.**

- A has access to B = B is available to A**
e.g. The people **have access to** buses.
Buses **are available to** the people.

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Making Inference

- Read the highlighted statement. What was the host's purpose of saying this?
 - to warn the audience to make a careful decision
 - to invite the audience to think and take action
 - to help the audience remember something important

- **Discuss with your teacher.**

Transportation

1. Does your city have a good transportation system?
What could be improved about it?
2. What transportation method will be common
50 years from now?





- **Complete the summary of the essay.**

In this discussion, Emma believes that **(public, private)** transportation, like buses and trains, is better because it's **(expensive, cheaper)**. She also mentioned that too many cars cause traffic and driving can be **(stressful, relaxing)**. On the other hand, Jack believes that public transportation has limitations. For instance, it is not available everywhere, and some vehicles use **(harmful, beneficial)** fuels. He also mentioned that public transportation requires a lot of resources. Both options have pros and cons: public transportation is cheaper and **(people-friendly, eco-friendly)**, but may not be available everywhere, while private transportation is **(convenience, convenient)** but expensive and can cause traffic. It's important to consider these factors when choosing how we **(live, travel)** and take care of our world.





WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn a critical thinking skill: "Making Counter-Arguments."

See you next time!