

Today we are going  
to talk about  
transport

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# Transport in the UK

Majority of transport is by road in the uk

In Spain do most people own cars?



In London there are many different methods of transport...

The iconic Red Bus of London is the most popular mode of transport and ferries over two billion passengers every year! There are many bus routes plying throughout London, and it is therefore a very convenient and preferred way of travel.



# Who's behind the wheel? The future of self-driving cars

Is your drive to work a waste of time? Maybe you hate driving or don't have a licence? The solution: self-driving cars. Carmakers have been talking about these for years and have made many predictions about when the necessary computer technology will be ready.

There are six levels of technology that can do some or all of the driver's work. At the lowest levels, the driver controls the car, and the computer helps with parking or staying in a lane. This technology is already in use.

At the higher levels, the driver is free to work or sleep, and the computer is fully in control although with a speed limit. Some people predict that this technology won't be available for many years. It's the middle levels, where a person and a computer both drive the car, which we may see on our roads soon.

The question we all want to ask is: are self-driving cars safe? Actually, they might prevent thousands of accidents, although there is a danger that drivers could become too confident about the technology. Selfdriving cars will have other effects. They will probably be better for the environment, as a computer drives a car more efficiently than a person.

Selfdriving cars may replace taxis; it will certainly be cheaper to run a taxi service if there are no drivers to pay. If self-driving taxis become really popular, then this might result in big changes in the number of people who want to own cars. The biggest winners are likely to be some disabled people who don't have a driving licence, or older people who have lost confidence driving on busy roads.

The question isn't IF we will see self-driving cars on the roads, it's WHEN we will see them

# What do you think about self-driving cars?

- Who thinks that they are safe?
- Who is excited to use a self-driving car?
- Does the idea of self-driving cars make anyone feel nervous?



# Discussion

1. What kind of vehicles do you drive or have a license for?
2. Do you have a clean driving record? Why/why not?
3. Have you ever received a parking ticket? Describe what happened.
4. Are there speed limits in your country? What is the average speed limit? Do you think this is too high or too low?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of owning a car?

# Questions

6. Is it easy to get around your home town or city without a car?
7. Have you ever seen a traffic accident? What happened?
8. Have you ever been stopped for speeding?
9. Is there a lot of traffic in your hometown? Why/why not?
10. Is parking a problem in your country or city?
11. What are the most annoying "bad habits" of drivers in your country?
12. What is your favourite kind of car? Why?