

Transport and Travel

Vehicles:

									
motorbike	cycling	car	bus	coach	train	plane	ferry	boat	taxi

How do you get there?

Car, bus, train, tube, bike, on foot ...

Transport locations - airport, bus station, train station, underground station, taxi rank, car park: open ground / multi-story, pay and display, barriers, ticket.

Getting in and out of a car, on or off a bus / train, driving onto a ferry

Travelling modes:

Boat/ferry - calm sea, rough sea

Bus / train – seated and rock slightly

Car – action of driving, leisurely, constant speed, fast, long distance, 70 miles an hour, sharp turning/corner, stop suddenly,

Driving route:

Road, quiet, busy, windy road, traffic lights, roundabout, cross-road, turn left, turn right, round the corner, zebra crossing, one-way road, T-junction, end of road; lots of traffic, traffic jam, dual-carriageway, motorway, slip-road, road-side lights, route, short distance, long distance, journey, wrong way, lost, map

Giving directions:

Turn left, then second right, then round the corner and opposite the pub.

Please can you tell me how to get to the station?

You go to the end of this road, turn left and then second right.

I need to get to Bristol. Please can you tell me the best way to go?

Land-marks:

Buildings – tall white; old; new; describe distinguishing buildings

Pub, bank, hospital, large office style building, other structures clearly noticeable, large statues, other noticeable structures

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(BSL users never quote the name of the road, always use land-marks as these are visual indication for directions)

Classifiers:

In BSL it is sometimes necessary to change the hand-shape to represent the object or person when we need to describe the object or person in motion e.g.

Car overtaking a bus
Car overtook and sped into the distance

Yesterday there was a traffic jam on the M1

The M25 is often very busy with traffic

Car parking can be difficult

Travelling sentences:

I am going to Tenerife. I am flying from Newcastle airport. I will be staying in an apartment, self-catering.

I am going to Pakistan to visit my family

We are going for a walking weekend in the Lake District. We will stay in a B&B but will go to pubs for lunch

My friend and I went touring around Australia. We flew from Sydney to Melbourne and then got a bus to Perth

My husband and I went to Cornwall for our honeymoon. We stayed in a lovely hotel by the beach. We hired a car and toured the countryside.

I prefer to drive to Leicester because it takes longer to travel by train. I have to change trains 3 times from Durham.

I used to take the train to London but now it is quicker and cheaper to fly.

Once, I travelled by train from Cardiff to York. There were lots of problems with the railways and I didn't get home till the next day! I was so tired and fed up.

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Some additional vocabulary:-

Driving – road, one-way street, meter, car park, insurance, road tax, licence, MOT, hire, deposit, seat belt, mirror, indicator, lights, service station, petrol –unleaded,

Engine trouble, overheating, battery flat, oil, water, gear box, run out of petrol, brakes, puncture, air pressure, windscreen smashed, garage, repair, mechanic.

Crash, ambulance, fire engine, police, insurance, speeding, parking ticket, traffic warden,

Internet, single, cheap day return, saver, season ticket, bus/train pass, book/reserve seat, arrive, depart, timetable.

Tickets, porter, ticket collector, inspector, buffet, station, saver, first class, standard class, bus stop, route, journey, long distance, get on, get off, travel along