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Transportation - Answer Key

Use the text to answer each question below.

1. How did you get to school today? Did you walk? Did you take a bus? Did you ride your bicycle or take a train? Transportation is the movement of people and things from one place to another. The type of transportation you take to school depends on many things. For example, different types of transportation are more common in certain areas. In a city, where many people live close together, buses and subways are very useful. These vehicles can transport many people all together between different neighborhoods and areas of the city. In rural and suburban areas, people are more spread out. They often drive cars to get to where they need to go.

What vehicle can probably transport the most people?

A. a bicycle

B. a car



C.

a bus

According to the passage, buses and subways are used "in a city, where many people live close together" because they "can transport many people all together."

2. The type of transportation you use may depend on where you live. It may also depend on the distance you need to go. Walking can be a great way to travel a mile or two. But you wouldn't want to walk from Boston to San Francisco. Why not? Because the distance between those cities is about 3,000 miles, and walking that many miles could take you a year! When choosing a type of transportation, you should think about the distance you will be traveling. You should also think about how quickly you need to get there. Cars aren't the quickest way to travel very long distances. You could drive from Boston to San Francisco, but it would take close to 50 hours! The fastest way to get from Boston to San Francisco is to fly in a plane. A flight between the cities usually takes between 5-6 hours. Flying is always the quickest way to travel very long distances.

What is the quickest way to travel very long distances?



A.

flying in a plane

According to the passage, "Flying is always the quickest way to travel very long distances."

B. walking

C. driving in a car

3. A route is a path between two places. When choosing how you're going to get somewhere, you need to think about the route you'll be taking. Air, water and land require different modes of transportation, and certain vehicles only cover certain routes. For example, trains travel on railroad tracks. You can only take a train between two places if there is a railroad route with a train or trains that go between them. Similarly, ships travel on the water. You couldn't take a ship from Denver to Boulder, Colorado, because there's no water on that route. Instead, you could drive, take a bus or take a plane.

Carlos takes a train from New York City to Washington, DC. Which of these is true?

A. There is water on that route.

B. Carlos travels by air.



C.

There are railroad tracks on that route.

According to the passage, "Trains travel on railroad tracks." If Carlos took a train, there must be railroad tracks on that route.

4. Subways and buses can transport a lot of people at one time, and riding them is usually quite cheap. They have set routes that don't change. People use subways and buses to travel across cities. Subways and buses move along their routes many times a day. Because of this, you can only take a bus or subway to and from certain places. To take these forms of transportation, you need to look at a map and a schedule. You might not be able to leave when you want to leave or go where you need to go.

Subways and buses

A. can go anywhere you need them to.



B.

travel their routes many times a day.

According to the passage, "Subways and buses move along their routes many times a day."

C. are expensive ways to travel.

5. Transportation is the movement of people *and* the movement of goods. Goods are objects that serve people's wants and needs. They are things that are made or grown. Examples of goods include fruits, vegetables, clothing and books. The goods you use every day don't only come from your town or city. They come from many different places, and many different vehicles and modes of transportation brought them to you. For example, bananas are very popular fruits in the US. But bananas need very humid, tropical climates to grow. For that reason, the bananas that we eat in the US are often grown in Central America. They are transported on ships and then on trucks to get to a grocery store near you.

Which of these is ****not**** an example of a good?



A. people

According to the passage, good "are things that are made or grown. Examples of goods include fruits, vegetables, clothing and books." People are not goods.

B. toys

C. books

6. Like people, goods can move across towns and around the world. The type of transportation used depends on many things. Some goods need to move quickly. Fresh fruit, for example, could go bad if transportation takes too long. The distance to be traveled, the route and the weight of the goods also help people pick which vehicle to use. The cost of transportation matters, too. Some forms of transportation, like airplanes, are quick but expensive, and they can't carry as much as a train or ship. Others, like trucks, are slow but cost less. Trains and trucks are useful for transporting heavy, bulky goods across long distances. Trucks can travel on any route with a highway or road. Trains need railroad tracks on the routes they travel, but they can usually transport more items at once than trucks. Special ships called cargo ships can carry a lot goods across oceans.

If you needed to transport a lot goods across the ocean, what type of transportation is best?

A. a train



B. a cargo ship

According to the passage, airplanes, "can't carry as much as a train or ship," and "special ships called cargo ships can carry a lot of goods across oceans."

C. an airplane