

**Overview**

Watch the video podcast. Is your daily journey similar in any way?

1 Read Finn's text and watch the video podcast from 0:12-0:21. Delete the words you *don't* hear in the text.



I <sup>1</sup>usually/~~always~~ get to work <sup>2</sup>by bus/~~on foot~~. It takes about <sup>3</sup>an hour/~~half an hour~~. <sup>4</sup>Sometimes/~~Usually~~ I read a book on <sup>5</sup>a/~~the~~ way. How about you? How do you get to <sup>6</sup>the work/~~work~~?

2 Look at the people below and read the answers to questions 1-4. Then watch the video podcast again and tick the correct answers, a or b.



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| 1 How do you get to work?                 | a) By bus ✓<br>b) By car                                      | a) On foot and by bus<br>b) By tube                          |
| 2 What do you do on your journey to work? | a) Sometimes I read a newspaper<br>b) Sometimes I read a book | a) I relax or read.<br>b) I listen to my iPod.               |
| 3 What do you like about it?              | a) The bus is always quiet.<br>b) The bus is never early.     | a) It's quiet.<br>b) It's quick.                             |
| 4 What don't you like about it?           | a) Waiting for a bus<br>b) Getting up early                   | a) When there are a lot of people.<br>b) When it's very hot. |

3 How do they get to work? Watch the video podcast from 0:21-0:57. Tick the correct answers for speakers 4-9. Sometimes there is more than one answer.

	bus	car	walk	cycle	tube
Speaker 1	✓				
Speaker 2		✓			
Speaker 3	✓				
Speaker 4					
Speaker 5					
Speaker 6					
Speaker 7					
Speaker 8					
Speaker 9					

**4** What do they do on their journey to work? Look at the people below and read their answers. Check new words in your dictionaries. Then watch the video podcast from 0:58-1:39 and complete gaps 2-7 with one word.



Take in <sup>1</sup>the fresh air, the scenery, and try and avoid holes in <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ road, which are <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ dangerous.



I dream, usually. I just – I love <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I love just looking out of <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ window.



Well, it's so <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ I don't actually do very much at all, apart from make sure I don't have an <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

**5** What do they like about their journeys? Look at the people below and read the answers: one is true and two are false. Watch the video podcast from 1:40-2:29 and write *true* (T) next to the correct sentence.



- A**
- 1 He listens to music after work.
  - 2 He likes listening to music. I
  - 3 He likes thinking about his social life.



- B**
- 1 She likes travelling to work on the bus.
  - 2 She likes walking in the fresh air.
  - 3 She cycles to work and likes getting the exercise.



- C**
- 1 She likes walking to work and feeling healthy.
  - 2 It takes her half an hour to get to work.
  - 3 She lives near her work so she always runs there.

**6** What don't they like about it? Read the multiple choice questions about the people in Ex 5. Watch the video podcast from 2:29-3:20 and underline the correct answers, a or b.

**A**

- 1 He doesn't like it when it's busy in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) the mornings  
b) the evenings

- 2 He doesn't like it when the \_\_\_\_\_ is hot and sweaty.  
a) bus b) tube

**B**

- 1 She doesn't like cycling \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) to work  
b) in the rain

- 2 When it's raining, her \_\_\_\_\_ get wet.  
a) books  
b) bikes

**C**

- 1 She doesn't like the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) wind on the bridge  
b) winter weather

- 2 The wind is \_\_\_\_\_ for her eyes.  
a) good  
b) bad

### The way we speak

7 We can talk about how we travel to work in different ways. Watch the video podcast from 0:21-0:57 again and complete each person's answer. Then match each answer to a sentence (A-E) with the same meaning.



1 I travel by bus.

A I get to work by tube.



2 I \_\_\_\_\_ to work.

B I take a bus.



3 I get to work \_\_\_\_\_.

C I go by bus.



4 I \_\_\_\_\_ a bus.

D I get to work by bike.



5 I \_\_\_\_\_ to work.

E I go to work on foot.

8 Write a paragraph about your journey to work. Use the prompts to help you.

In my city /town, most people get to work \_\_\_\_\_ (how?).

I \_\_\_\_\_ (how?) and it takes \_\_\_\_\_ (how long?).

I usually \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (activities) on the journey.

#### FUN FACTS



The average commute is 139 hours a year in the UK. To find out more, go to the BBC link below:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/5245860.stm>

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