

# Transportation

**Welcome to Talk Time!**

How are you? How was your week?  
Discuss the idiom of the week – “Get around”



**Let's get started**

**Discuss these questions as a group.**

- How did you get around each day in your native country?
- How do most people get around in your native country?

**In pairs or groups of three, interview each other about transportation.**

Ask each other, “How often do you travel by \_\_\_\_\_?” Write the answers in the boxes, and ask each other to explain. For example, ask, “When did you last ride in an airplane? Where did you go? Do you like travelling in airplanes?”

Name	Car 	Bus 	Train 	Airplane 	Ferry 
Kelli	-Every day. -Commutes to work. -Sometimes, driving makes her feel stressed.	-sometimes rides the bus in Seattle. -Likes the bus!	-Rarely. -Took a 26-hour train ride in China. She felt tired, but it was fun!	-Rarely. -Doesn't like airplanes. -Uncomfortable.	-Rarely -Last year, she rode a ferry to an island and went camping. -Fun!

**Share with the group:** What are some interesting facts that you learned about each other?

**Conversation skills**

As we discuss, let's ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let's also use the phrase "Tell me more." The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

**Discussion: Discuss these questions as a group.**

Do you have a driver's license? If so, when did you get it?

Have you ever gotten a speeding ticket? What should you do when a cop stops you for speeding?

Have you ever gotten a parking ticket? What should you do if you get a parking ticket?



What are some differences between driving in your country and driving in the Seattle area?

Is there more traffic or less traffic in your city and/or native country?

Have you ever seen a traffic accident? Have you been involved in a traffic accident? What happened?

What should you do if you get in a traffic accident in the U.S.?

What are some advantages to riding the bus? What are some disadvantages?

How do you pay to ride the bus? (Do you use coins, an Orca card, etc.?)

What advice would you give to someone who is riding the bus for the first time?

Describe public transportation in your native country or city. How is it different than the public transportation in the Seattle area?

How could public transportation in the Seattle area be improved? How could public transportation in your native country or city be improved?

What kinds of transportation are bad for the environment? Why?

Do you feel safe when you use public transportation? Why or why not?

Do you have a bicycle? How often do you ride it?

What will the transportation of the future be like? What kind of transportation would you like someone to invent?

What questions do you have about transportation in the Seattle area? Talk about them with your group.



**Group Reflection: What did you learn today? What do you want to talk about next week?**