

Unit 6 By Bus or by Train?



Part 1 Getting Ready:

Section A

- ❑ 1. **transfer**: move or change from one vehicle to another in the course of a journey
- ❑ 2. **fare**: the price charged to carry a person by bus, train, taxi, etc.
- ❑ 3. **via**: travelling through a place on the way
- ❑ 4. **cab**: a taxi
- ❑ 5. **platform**: a raised flat surface built along the side of the track at a railway station for travelers getting on or off a train

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- ❑ 6. **alteration**: something changed
 - ❑ 7. **call at**: stop at a particular place for a short time to allow people to get on or off
 - ❑ 8. **inter-city train**: a type of British rail train which carries passengers quickly from one city to another with fewer stops and better service than other trains
 - ❑ 9. **terminal**: a place where buses, planes, trains, etc. begin or end their journeys and load or unload their passengers or goods.
 - ❑ 10. **landmark**: a building or feature of the land which is easily noticed and can be used to judge your position or the position of other buildings or features.

Section B

1.

- Passenger: Excuse me, driver. Does this bus go past the exhibition centre?
- Driver: No, not this bus. You'll have to transfer downtown.
- Passenger: Which bus do I take from there?
- Driver: I believe it's the number 88 bus.

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- Passenger: This bus will take me to the Holiday Inn, won't it?
- Driver: Yep. It sure will.
- Passenger: How much is the fare?
- Driver: 50 cents. Exact changes.
- Passenger: Here you are.
- Driver: Don't give it to me. drop it in the box.

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- Customer: How much is the fare to San Francisco via Los Angeles?
- Agent: It's \$55.
- Customer: Can I get off in Los Angeles for a few days?
- Agent: Sure. Your ticket is good for three weeks.

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- Passenger: Is this cab taken ?
- Driver: No. Where are you going?
- Passenger: To the Park Apartments. They're on 21st Street.
- Driver: I know where they are. Get in.

Section C: Dictation

- China Hong Kong city is Hong Kong's most exciting new shopping center. Fashion **Avenue** offers an exciting selection of designer fashions and **accessories** from around the world. It contains over 300 shops. We have 25 restaurants and **chefs** from east and west ready to serve you a fine selection of dishes. Or you can relax in our **intimate** bars or **let your hair down** at our first class night clubs and **karaoke lounges**. Because of these reasons, China Hong Kong city is a "must" to visit.

Section D

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Tapescript

- 1. The bus to Reno, Nevada, leaves at 4:30 p.m.
- 2. The bus to Boise, Idaho, arrives at 9:35 p.m.
- 3. The bus fare to Seattle, Washington, is 120 dollars.
- 4. The bus bound for Fresno, California, leaves at 11 o'clock sharp.
- 5. The bus heading to Reno is schedule to arrive at half past 4.

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- ❑ 6. The bus fare to Boise is 98 dollars.
 - ❑ 7. The bus to Seattle is scheduled to arrive at 10 after 5.
 - ❑ 8. The bus to Fresno leaves 20 minutes earlier than the bus to Boise.
 - ❑ 9. The bus fare to Seattle is just under 100 dollars.
 - ❑ 10. The bus trip to Boise takes almost 11 hours.

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