

ACTIVITY SHEET

Before reading...

Do you like travelling? What vehicles do you take when you go travelling? Do you like travelling by bus? Do you usually take a bus? When do you take a bus?

The London bus

Famous all round the world, the red London bus is a double-decker: it has two floors. That way it can take more passengers.



A big red bus

There are 8,000 buses in London! They are red. They carry* about six million passengers* every weekday*. There are over 700 different routes. In a year, the buses cover about 45 million kilometres.

A funny name

A London bus has two floors*. It is called a double-decker bus. This is because the floors on buses and ships are called decks.

In England

Tourists love to see London from a red bus. You can see the sights* better from the top* deck. Look out and get a good view* of Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus...

London by bus

The bus is a good solution to get* around London these days. To reduce traffic problems, now if you want to go to Central London in your car, you have to pay a toll*. So, if you leave your car on the outskirts*, the Tube* or the bus is the answer!



Reading comprehension

1. Complete:
- Red London buses have a special name. They are called
because
2. What buildings can we see from the bus?
3. Read and match according to the text:
- | | |
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| Seven hundred | passengers |
| Eight thousand | routes |
| Forty-five | buses |
| Six million | kilometres |
4. Do people take the buses during the week in London?
5. London is a big city. Find a sentence in the text that explains this.
6. The bus is a good solution to reduce traffic problems. The following options are also a good solution. True or false?

	TRUE	FALSE
To drive hybrid cars		
To go to school by bicycles		
To go shopping on foot		

7. Do you agree with the measures explained in the text to reduce the traffic problems?
Why?

Extra activities

1. Make a list with other ways to solve this problem.

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

The London bus

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TUTOR	TUTEE
Do you like travelling?	- Yes. I do. - No, I don't.
What vehicles do you take when you go travelling?	I take _____.
Do you like travelling by bus?	- Yes. I do. - No, I don't.
Do you usually take a bus?	- Yes. I do. - No, I don't.
When do you take a bus?	I take a bus to go _____.



Reading comprehension

TUTOR	TUTEE
2. What buildings can you see from the bus?	I can see _____.
4. Do people take the buses during the week in London?	- Yes, they do. - No, they don't.
7. Do you agree with the measures explained in the text to reduce the traffic problems? Why?	- Yes, I do. - No, I don't. Because these measures are _____.

