

**UNIT 9**

**Writing Task: Write about advantages and disadvantages**

**Worksheet 1: PRE-WRITING**

**Exercise 1: Brainstorming and gathering information**

Think of the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by car. Answer the following questions:

1. What different ways are there to travel? .....
2. How do people usually travel in your city? Why? .....
3. What can you do when you travel by car? .....
4. What can't you do when you travel by car? .....
5. What are the two best things about travelling by car? .....
6. What are the two worst things about travelling by car? .....

**Exercise 2: Check your vocabulary**

Write the words in the correct columns.

Write **A** for *advantage* of travelling by car or **D** for *disadvantage* next to each word.

fast	convenient	door-to-door	short trip	long trip	passengers
cheap	independent		pollution	traffic jam	stressful relaxing
accident	comfortable	private	tiring	petrol	repairs
expensive	parking	speed limit	driving license	environment	

Adjectives	Nouns
fast (A)	

**Exercise 3: Extend your vocabulary**

Write the linking words in the correct column. Some can go in more than one column.

because	Secondly,	First of all,	Thirdly,	but	for example
Also,	However,	Firstly,	and . . . also		

Starting sentences	Putting in order	Giving examples	Explaining why (not)

1. I like travelling by plane \_\_\_\_\_ (because/however/for example) it is fast.
2. Travelling by bus is convenient and it is \_\_\_\_\_ (firstly/because/also) cheap.
3. Travelling by bike is cheap. \_\_\_\_\_ (Because/Also/However), it is not good for long trips.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Thirdly/Also/First of all), walking is good for your health. Secondly, it is not bad for the environment.

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**Worksheet 2: PRACTICE**

**Exercise 1: Sentence building 1**

Use your answers to Exercise 1 / Worksheet 1 to write complete sentences about the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by car. Use vocabulary from Exercise 2 & 3 / Worksheet 1.

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....

**Exercise 2: If/when + will**

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb.

1. If too many people \_\_\_\_\_ (**will travel/travel**) by plane, pollution will increase.
2. If you catch a train, you \_\_\_\_\_ (**will/won't/are**) get stuck in a traffic jam.
3. When you travel by train, you \_\_\_\_\_ (**will arrive/arriving/will**) on time.
4. You will have an exciting trip when you \_\_\_\_\_ (**will travel/travel**) by helicopter.
5. If you travel by ship, you can \_\_\_\_\_ (**have/having/will have**) a relaxing trip.

**Exercise 3: Verb agreement**

Complete the sentences about advantages and disadvantages.

1. There \_\_\_\_\_ (**is/are**) two advantages of travelling by car. Firstly,.....  
.....
2. Travelling by plane \_\_\_\_\_ (**is/are**) fun. However, .....  
.....
3. Driving a motorbike \_\_\_\_\_ (**is/are**) dangerous and it \_\_\_\_\_ (**is/are**) also .....
4. Cycling \_\_\_\_\_ (**has/have**) several advantages. First of all, .....  
.....
5. There \_\_\_\_\_ (**is/are**) many disadvantages of air travel; for example,.....  
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**Exercise 4: Sentence building 2**

Rewrite the sentences from Exercise 1 / Worksheet 2. Use linking words to write longer sentences and add extra information. **Make sure** you put the sentences in a good order.

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

